

Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

Title	Field not completed.
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First Name	Alexis
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Last Name	Hahs
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Today's Date	10/18/2024
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Street Address	
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City	
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Zip	
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
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Primary Telephone	
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Secondary Telephone	
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Email Address	
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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Justice Project Oversight & Planning Committee
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Group

Justice Project
Oversight and Planning
(JPOP) Committee

Substance use disorder treatment provider

2. Do you meet the
residency,
employment, and/or
affiliation requirements
of the position for
which you're applying?

Yes

3. Which Council
district do you live in?

District 3

4. Have you ever been
a member of this
Advisory Group

No

5. Do you or your
spouse have a financial
interest in or are you
an employee or officer
of any business or
agency that does
business with
Whatcom County?

No

6. Have you declared
candidacy (as defined
by RCW 42.17A.055)
for a paid elected office
in any jurisdiction
within the county?

No

You may attach a
resume or detailed
summary of
experience,
qualifications, &
interest in response to
the following questions

Attached

7. Please describe your
occupation (or former
occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or

Currently I serve as the program director for Lifeline Connections Men's Low Intensity Residential Program. With five years of experience as a SUD provider through various settings, I bring a level of experience through a person-centered lens when addressing systemic problems while proactively searching for

community activities,
and education

solutions. In addition to my experience as a Substance Use Disorder Professional, I am currently completing my master's degree in counseling to become dually licenses as a mental health counselor. I have two undergraduate degrees, Associates in Applied Science with a Behavioral Health Emphasis and a Bachelor's in Human Services with a minor in Psychology.

8. Please describe why
you're interested in
serving on this
Advisory Group.

Contributing to change that would impose a significant impact on the community in which I call home is a strong passion of mine. Over the last three years, I have worked in positions that have allowed me to grow exponentially in terms of understanding implementation from a systemic approach while maintaining a person-centered focus. It is my hope that through the collaboration of the members of this advisory board, myself included, Whatcom County can work to address its recidivism rates, presenting with successful rehabilitation of individuals that become incarcerated due to behaviors related to their mental health and/or substance use disorders.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Tom Wynne- Recovery Courts Coordinator 509.731.1616
Dr. Pamela Jacobs- UCNW BH Director 503.954.5168
Libby Michel LMHC 509.630.7892

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Alexis Hahs

Place Signed /
Submitted



(Section Break)

Alexis Hahs AAS, BA, SUDP

Approved SUD Clinical Supervisor

Skills

- Systems oriented.
- Motivated
- Consistent

Experience

05/28/2024-current

Lifeline Connections- Program Director

- Responsible for providing program oversight on both clinical and operational levels.
- Schedule and facilitate individual supervision sessions with assigned staff; monitor staff training needs, professional development activities and ability to deliver services as assigned; monitor productivity; implement and monitor collaborative documentation; schedule staff to work shifts and monitor the staff shift schedule.
- Participate in staff recruitment, interviewing, hiring, work assignments, orientation, training and performance supervision according to rules, regulations, and policies.
- Ensure that the agency treatment programs are maintained in substantial compliance with the Department of Health (DOH), insurance organization reviews, and CARF Surveys.
- Monitor and balance financial reports including budget, expenditure control and monitoring, and personnel direct service hours.
- Provides clinical supervision of treatment services including case staffing, chart entries, case audits, and treatment plan reviews.

06/28/2022- 05/28/2024

Unity Care Northwest- Lead Substance Use Disorder Counselor

- Representative for the program in meeting with Federal Representative Rick Larsen during a site visit and agency interview.
- Provided thoughtful responses to news reporters after federal site visits. *Representative for agency audits from the state level.
- Create and monitor policies and procedures for the SUD program that align with agency-wide policies.
- Develop formats for effective documentation.
- Facilitate case consultations with other providers both internal and external. Including local government entities.
- Created a group curriculum to best meet patient needs within capacity.
- Stay informed of grant funding for the program and generate proposals as needed.

- Ignited and maintained relationships with multiple service agencies, local governments, and other pertinent third parties.
- Solely responsible for program-wide documentation requests and resources.
- Supervise providers seeking SUDPT certification hours and experience.

December 2020- 07/27/2022

Catholic Community Services-Bellingham Recovery Center- SUDPT

- I began my internship with CCS in October of 2020, then accepted a case aide position, one month after that I was promoted to counselor.
- Performed assessments using ASAM and DSM-5 level criteria. Provide a proper diagnosis using this same criteria.
- Complete intake appointments; recommend the needed level of care to clients and enroll them into groups and assign a counselor.
- Worked with youth and adult populations.
- Facilitated various groups.

Education

SUDP Certification with Washington State Department of Health- CP61299330

September 2021-current

Western Washington University- BA Human Services with Psych Minor. MA Rehabilitation Counseling.

Currently enrolled in Master's program for Rehabilitation Counseling to pursue dual licensure as LMHC as of Fall 2023.

September 2019- December 2020

Whatcom Community College – Substance Use Disorder Associates Degree

I recently graduated with my Associates in Science in Substance Use Disorder with a Behavioral Health Emphasis. I completed the two year program 6 months sooner and was consistently on the dean's list. I currently have my Substance Use Disorder Professional Certification with the Department of Health.

Additional Experience

Key Speaker- Agency Meeting with Representative Rick Larsen- Represented UCNW and the community in a discussion surrounding the opioid crisis, barriers of treatment services, and limitations as a result of governmental influence.

Key Speaker- Whatcom County Juvenile Probation- Provided education to youth and families while employed with Catholic Community Services.

15 Hours of Clinical Supervision Training- Completed course on Clinical Supervision through Cascadia Training.

Program Development- Responsible for development and sustainability of SUD program. This role encompasses policies and procedures, grant searching, business strategies, and more.

Community Involvement Cont.- Key speaker in community events on behalf of agency. Representative for site visit from Federal Representative Rick Larsen.

NAADAC Clinical Supervisor- Completed training module through NAADAC further education courses to obtain a certificate in clinical supervision.