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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission 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 Mrs.

First Name Leah

Last Name Wainman

Today's Date 12/21/2022

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Public Health Advisory Board

Public Health Advisory Board	I have expertise, career experience, or lived experience in one of the areas listed above.
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 2
4. Are you a US citizen?	Yes
5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	2019-2022
8. 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
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to	Attached

the following questions

9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

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10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

I suppose I would like to provide my insight as a community member, parent, public health professional, and woman of color. I feel too often these groups become monopolized with stakeholder and representatives of populations and communities we would like to reach, but seldom do we receive voice unencumbered by any specific agenda. I feel this is a very necessary component of civic engagement and a duty everyone should take up at least once in their life. It is democracy in action; my people suffered and continue to suffer to be a part of this country. I strive to exercise those rights given to me by their sacrifices.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

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Signature of applicant: Leah Wainman

Place Signed / Submitted Bellingham WA

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SUMMARY of QUALIFICATIONS

- Public health project management
- Evaluation
- Global health
- Communicating data and research findings to mixed audiences to guide evidence-based decision making in public health programs
- State, regional, & local public health projects
- Data & Analytic Skills: epidemiological study design and data analysis, data linkage, data visualization, data management & strategic plan, data sovereignty

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assessment & Healthy Communities Manager, 01/2020-present

Island County

Public Health – Coupeville, Washington

- Oversee the work necessary for identifying, collecting, and summarizing relevant data to inform population level health outcomes and system capacity challenges.
- Responsible for overseeing community-based prevention and health education initiatives and programs.
- Creates tabular and graphic presentation using a variety of statistical packages database programs, visualization software, spreadsheets, word processing and other software and graphics programs.
- Leads staff & community partners in appropriate statistics, monitoring and evaluation methods and data collection, data management, data analysis, interpreting and using the data for program planning, performance outcome measurement, quality improvement projects, and development of health policy.
- Prepares reports and fact sheets and makes presentations on the public health issues
- **COVID-19**: lead epidemiologist, contact tracer trainer, case investigator, database administrator

Data & Analytics Project Coordinator, 07/2017-12/2019

North Sound Accountable Community of Health

Public Health – Bellingham, Washington

- Develop data and analytics governance strategy, including a data & analytics work plan
- Support State and Regional transformation efforts related to Value Based Payment, Health Information Exchange, and Integration
- Developed Monitoring and Evaluation plan
- Respond to custom data requests, including analysis of state-produced data products and data collected by the ACH
- Produce routine data products, such as monthly data briefs
- Oral and written presentation of data analyses and visualizations (data team)
- Led the North Sound Accountable Community of Health's efforts to engage community members in health care transformation
- Developed community engagement strategies to support Medicaid transformation demonstration planning

Healthy Homes Educator, 7/2012-06/2017

Opportunity Council

Community Action Agency – Bellingham, Washington

- Provided comprehensive health education and home assessments for low-income families in Whatcom, Island and San Juan counties
- Common health issues included infectious diseases, COPD, asthma, and diabetes
- Priority patient population included immigrants and refugees, Head Start and ECAP families, and families in transitional housing
- Developed evaluation project for program effectiveness and future grant applications
- Collaborated with statewide Department of Commerce Weatherization Plus Health program

Research Assistant, 3/2011-6/2012

School of Social Work

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

- Designed process evaluation to assess the effectiveness of Project ABC, a SAMSHA project to develop a comprehensive and culturally responsive treatment for children with behavioral health needs at birth to age five and their caregivers
- Trained >10 clinical providers and 4 case managers to administer evaluation materials related to behavioral health assessments

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

Bilingual Case Manager, 7/2009-01/2011

Department of Social Services

Durham County, North Carolina

- Interviewed applicants/recipients, adapting techniques to meet the needs/abilities of the client
- Determined eligibility for assistance and benefit levels using automated systems or manual methods
- Communicated available benefit programs, rights and responsibilities and other agency services to applicants/recipients, and general public
- Compiles and analyzes information to determine initial and/or ongoing eligibility of individuals for financial, Medical and/or other governmental programs
- Computes income and resource eligibility timely, accurately and completely
- Processes applications for benefit programs such as, but not limited to Food Stamps, Medicaid, Temporary Assistance to Need Families (TANF), General Relief, Auxiliary Grants, Refugee Cash and/or Medical Assistance
- Researches, interprets and applies program policies and procedures

Training and Education Program Manager – Community Health Program, 2/2007-6/2009

United States Peace Corps

Copan, Honduras

- Applied for and managed grants for HIV/AIDS education, prevention, and outreach programs
- Managed HIV/AIDS education and prevention program
- Designed and implemented condom outreach program for out-of-school youth
- Developed bilingual (English/Spanish) computer training manual for staff and clients
- Provided one-on-one computer skills training to 10 staff
- Developed international volunteer manual
- Authored and published bilingual (English/Spanish) training manuals and distributed 150 copies to national community-based organizations and international non-profits
- Taught English and health into high school students
- Facilitated trainings on HIV transmission and prevention for student

EDUCATION

Master of Public Health

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina

SKILLS and CERTIFICATIONS

Language Fluent in Spanish

Computer Microsoft Office, R, Tableau, Adobe Acrobat Pro, Google Documents, Mac & PC, Canva

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities

- *Provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on ways to promote health equity and eliminate health disparities in Washington*

City of Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board

- *Review community human service needs, establish criteria for funding, evaluate applications, and arrive at recommendations for the distribution of the City's annual allocation of CDBG and general funds for human services.*

Communities of Color Coalition - Health Justice

- *Educate and advocate for social justice and human rights, especially for people of color and other under-represented groups that have been systematically oppressed. https://a71b3413-21b1-40a0-9dad-6294f6fa915d.usrfiles.com/uqg/a71b34_3a8dc40801824ed8a1b6c4c2c4986eae.pdf*