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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: STEPHEN GOCKLEY Date: 11/22/19  
Street Address: 2315 J STREET  
City: BELLINGHAM Zip Code: 98225  
Mailing Address (if different from street address): \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Telephone: 360-676-5194 Evening Telephone: SAME Cell Phone: 360-305-2944  
E-mail address: gockleypose1@comcast.net

- Name of board or committee-**please see reverse:** INCARCERATION PREVENTION AND REDUCTION TASK FORCE
- You must specify which position you are applying for. **Please refer to vacancy list.** HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE
- Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? (If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.)  yes ( ) no
- Which Council district do you live in? ( ) One  Two ( ) Three ( ) Four ( ) Five
- Are you a US citizen?  yes ( ) no
- Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?  yes ( ) no
- Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?  yes ( ) no  
If yes, dates: ORIGINAL MEMBER, 2015-PRESENT
- 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?  yes ( ) no  
If yes, please explain: I AM CURRENT BOARD VICE-PRES. FOR WHATCOM DISPUTE RESOLUTION CR
- Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? ( ) yes  no

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

10. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education.  
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED RESUME

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER AND LEADER OF THE IPR TASK FORCE SINCE ITS INCEPTION. I AM THE CURRENT CO-CHAIR. AFTER SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE, I WANT TO HELP GENERATE A SECOND ROUND OF SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS.  
References (please include daytime telephone number): (1) JACK HOVENIER (360) 319-4442; (2) JILL BEANSTEIN (360) 961-2677; (3) HEATHER FLYHERTY (360)

Signature of applicant: Stephen Gockley

**THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** As a candidate for a public board or commission, the above information 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.

RESUME  
**STEPHEN GOCKLEY**  
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

ATTORNEY	Northwest Justice Project	Bellingham, WA	1996-2016 ( <b>retired</b> )
	Evergreen Legal Services	Bellingham, WA	1988-1996

*Civil legal aid practice in areas of housing and homeless rights, subsidized housing programs, health care and mental health services, disability rights, special education, and public benefits.*

**EDUCATION**

1988	J.D.	Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA
1985	M.S.	Lesley College, Cambridge, MA Master's degree in Human Services Management
1969	B.A.	Carleton College, Northfield, MN

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

2015-	<u>Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force</u> Whatcom County Council appointment
2019-	<b>CO-CHAIR:</b> Task Force
2017-2019	<b>CHAIR:</b> Legal and Justice Systems Subcommittee
2019-	<u>Bellingham/Whatcom County Housing Authorities</u> Board of Commissioners
2017-	<u>Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center</u> , Board of Directors 2019 Vice-President
2018-	Community Health Improvement Plan: <i>Healthy Whatcom</i> planning team Whatcom County Health Department
2004-	<u>Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA)</u> , Board of Directors <b>PRESIDENT</b> 2009-2011 <b>CO-CHAIR</b> , Governance Committee 2016 <b>CHAIR</b> , Advancement Committee 2013-2016
1996-2016	<u>LAW Advocates</u> , Board of Directors