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WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

June 2, 2020

Executive Satpal Sidhu
Whatcom County
311 Grand Avenue, Suite #108
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Executive Sidhu,

The DV Commission Executive Committee would like to recommend the appointment of Emily O'Connor, Executive Director of Lydia Place, for the open Whatcom County Human Service Provider position, with a partial term expiring January 31, 2022.

Emily O'Connor brings significant experience as a former Executive Director of the Skagit County DVSAS, as well as through her current role with Lydia Place. Emily is involved in related community initiatives, including the Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee and Generations Forward. Emily's knowledge of the dynamics of sexual and domestic violence, understanding of processes needed for systemic change, and commitment to furthering equity will make her a great addition to the DV Commission.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or comments at smarks@dvcommission.org or 360.312.5700 x 1242.

Thank you for your support,

Susan Marks
Director

Cc: Mayor Seth Fleetwood, City of Bellingham
Karen Goens, Whatcom County Human Resources

Approved
Satpal Sidhu
6/2/2020



COMMISSION
ON SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: Emily O'Connor Date: 5/28/20
Street Address: 1425 Austin St.
City: Bellingham Zip Code: 98229
Mailing Address (if different from street address): _____
Day Telephone: 360-671-7663 ext 2002 Evening Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
E-mail address: eoconnor@lydia.place.org

1. Name of board or committee-**please see reverse:** Bellingham - Whatcom Co. Commission Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
2. You must specify which position you are applying for. **Please refer to vacancy list.** County - Human Service Provider

3. 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
4. Which Council district do you live in? () One () Two Three () Four () Five
5. Are you a US citizen? yes () no
6. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? yes () no
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? () yes no
If yes, dates: _____

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? yes () no
If yes, please explain: I work for Lydia Place which holds contracts for services w/ Whatcom Co.

9. 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.
I am the executive Director of Lydia Place which provides services to those experiencing homelessness in WC. I am the former executive Director of Skagit DVSA and a former victim advocate w/ DVSA of Whatcom County.

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: I am committed to working on systemic issues that impact our community particularly those that impact communities of color, women and girls, and issues of poverty.

References (please include daytime telephone number): _____

Signature of applicant: [Signature]

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.