

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	Miss
First Name	Alison
Last Name	Fontaine
Today's Date	11/17/2025
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Public Health Advisory Board

Group

Public Health Advisory Board

I have expertise, career experience, or lived experience in one of the areas listed above., I am a consumer of public health services. , I represent a stakeholder, such as a nonprofit organization, the business community, or those regulated by public health.

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. 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),

Currently, I work at PeaceHealth STJO in Bellingham on the quality team. I have worked in various healthcare sectors for over ten years in Whatcom/Skagit County, hold an master's in public health as well as a master's in business with an emphasis in

qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

healthcare management and also hold a Certified Professional in
Healthcare Quality license.

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

I'm interested in serving on this advisory group because I have
seen first-hand what this board can do for the community and
want to help support that. Through my work at PeaceHealth, I've
had the absolute pleasure of working with many group members,
especially in regard to improving the hospital ER care pathways
for patients suffering from multiple opioid use disorder. I have
championed the SUD taskforce and work group within
PeaceHealth for two years. Public Health and health equity is
something I feel so passionately about, and I feel like serving
within the advisory group would be a great way to support values
and areas of opportunities that are important to me.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Rachel McGarrity; [REDACTED]

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Alison Fontaine

Place Signed /
Submitted

[REDACTED]

(Section Break)

ALISON FONTAINE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peace Health Medical Group – *Not-for-Profit Healthcare System* Apr. 2021 – Present

Sr. Clinical Quality Program Manager

- Acted as a quality facilitator during development of The Way Station, the first medical respite building in Whatcom County
- Supported creation, development, and implementation of a free mammogram screening program for local communities
- Led multiple task forces to address issues related to inpatient to outpatient transition of care, multiple opioid use disorder, preventable readmissions, and length of stay cost, while meeting and exceeding their goals

Mira Vista – *Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care* Feb. 2019 – Apr. 2021

Director of Admissions, Program Manager

- Executed strategic plans to strengthen and increase the preferred provider relationships
- Established and expanded relationships with state hospitals, nursing facilities, physicians' offices, and community agencies, strengthening community partnerships
- Led regulatory department responsible for conducting audits and surveys to ensure facility is following CMS, DOH, JC, and DMV regulations

Alderwood Park – *Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Care* Dec. 2017 – Feb. 2019

Director of Community Relations

- Established long-term partnerships with local and state level healthcare leaders as part of developing local collaboration program
- Developed new relationships with over 75 referral sources across Washington state
- Developed strategic fundraising plan, including an annual plan, defining activity goals and monthly metrics
- Created advertising strategy to promote facility by organizing and hosting community events such as monthly luncheons and open houses

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Master of Public Health – Eastern Washington University, WA	2024
Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ)	2024
Master of Business Administration – Western Governors University, UT	2022
BA Anthropology – Western Washington University, WA	2019

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Washington State Council of Trout Unlimited – Volunteer	2019 – 2023
Somero Project – Infection Prevention Educator	2022
AIROW Project – Board Member	2022
WWU Palliative Care Board – Volunteer	2016 – 2018

From: Alison Fontaine
Subject: Re: Additional Info requested for your application to the Public Health Advisory Board
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 8:46:07 AM

Good morning Jill,

My deepest apologies for the slight delay in response. I have been up in Canada on a long weekend without service and just returned last night, so I was unable to receive and respond until this morning. I do recognize that the deadline was yesterday at 10 a.m, and if there is no wiggle room around that I completely understand - but did want to try and advocate for myself as this is a position I'm incredibly interested in and feel passionately about.

Regarding the original request, I have extensive experience in all areas the council listed. Additionally, I hold a masters degree in business as well as a masters degree in public health, and did my public health thesis on social and health equity, focusing specifically on tribal communities in the PNW and the detrimental impact that the outpatient fee-for-service payment model has had on their access to preventative health screenings.

My currently role is working as a quality facilitator and one of my big projects currently is addressing health care access locally.

I truly hope this doesn't find you too late, but again - I understand if so. Please let me know.

Thank you for your time, happy Wednesday. (Also I apologize for any typos I'm writing this from my phone.)

- i. Health care access and quality;
- ii. Physical environment, including built and natural environments;
- iii. Social and economic sectors, including housing, basic needs, education, and employment;
- iv. Business and philanthropy;
- v. Communities that experience health inequities;
- vi. Government;
- vii. Tribal communities and tribal government

Sent from my iPhone