



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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Title Ms.

First Name JanRose

Last Name Ottaway Martin

Today's Date 6/20/2024

Street Address

████████████████████

City Everett

Zip 98203

Do you live in Whatcom County? No

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

Primary Telephone

██████████

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address

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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group	Justice Project Finance Advisory Board
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Justice Project Finance Advisory Board	Behavioral health system representative
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2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
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3. Which Council district do you live in?	Not applicable
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4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	No
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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?	Yes
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If yes, please explain	I am the Executive Director of North Sound BHASO and contract with Whatcom County for some of the behavioral health services that Whatcom County provides. Can provide more details if needed.
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6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
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You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

I work as the Executive Director of the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization which manages the behavioral health crisis system in a 5 county region (Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island and San Juan Counties). I am an expert in the behavioral health system across the continuum of services, including outpatient and prevention. I have a long history of working with the Managed Care Organizations who fund the Medicaid-funded behavioral health services in our region as well as working with the Health Care Authority, Office of Insurance Commissioner, and Department of Health at a state level. I have also been a clinician historically, working with the unhoused population in King County where I specialized in the population of clients with the most extreme and acute co-occurring issues. I have a BA in Sociology and a Masters of Social Work. I am happy to attach a resume if it is requested for more insight into my professional background.

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

I believe, and statistics show, that the criminal justice system has become a space where those with behavioral health issues often get directed due to the lack of other resources for behavioral health and social determinants of health. It seems that Whatcom is putting a lot of effort into redesigning the criminal justice system to try to meet the needs of this population. Additionally, I think that often those who have a history of managing/participating/working in the behavioral health system sit on more programmatic-specific boards. I have an interest in sitting on the Finance Advisory Board specifically given my knowledge of how the behavioral health system is funded in Washington and with the acknowledgement that work is essential to provide sustainability over time.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Barry Buchanan, Whatcom County Council, [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

JanRose Ottaway Martin

Place Signed / Submitted

Mount Vernon, WA