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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 *Field not completed.*

First Name Hannah

Last Name Sloan

Today's Date 1/7/2024

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

Do you live 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 Advisory Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force/Law &

Group	Justice Council
Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force Position:	Health and Social Service Provider
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 4
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?	Yes
If yes, please explain	I am an employee of Lifeline Connections, which currently holds a contract with Whatcom County to provide Behavioral Health and Reentry Services for the Whatcom County Jail and Juvenile Detention, and I am currently the supervisor of this program. In addition, my husband is a safety inspector with Labor and Industries, operating out of their Bellingham office.
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, &	Attached

interest in response to the following questions

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

I am currently a clinical supervisor/mental health professional for a community behavioral health organization. I have experience supervising programs and providing direct client care in community, residential, and correctional settings. I have a master's degree in forensic psychology, as well as a bachelor's degree in psychology.

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

The majority of individuals currently incarcerated in our county jail meet the criteria for a mental health diagnosis. For many of them, especially those with serious mental illness (SMI) and/or co-occurring substance use disorders, their mental health plays a major role in their criminal activity. Instead of incarceration, these individuals need and deserve access to resources and services that can help them manage their symptoms and improve their functioning. While the behavioral health services we provide in the jail have increased in the past few years, we do not have the capacity to provide adequate mental health care to those who need it, nor is jail the appropriate environment for providing therapeutic services. So despite our best efforts, an individual's mental health often declines while they're incarcerated and they get stuck in a cycle of incarceration that is difficult to escape. I believe our legal system needs to support the rehabilitation of individuals, not the punishment of them, and true rehabilitation is extremely difficult in our current system, especially for those with SMI. The prevention, intervention, and reduction of crime is possible if individuals are properly supported, and I would love the opportunity to be part of creating and improving opportunities for individuals to receive better behavioral health care.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Julie Grendon - (360) 831-5596
Perry Mowery - (360) 778-6059
Josh Hauserman - (360) 605-5802

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Hannah Sloan

Place Signed / Submitted



(Section Break)

HANNAH SLOAN

MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL SUPERVISOR

PROFILE

Dedicated mental health professional (MHP) and clinical supervisor with extensive experience providing personalized care to adults and children with mental and developmental disorders, supervising and developing clinical programs, and assessing the behavioral health needs and functioning of individuals with serious mental illness (SMI). Expertise in psychotic and mood disorders, forensic populations, crisis management, risk assessment, outpatient services, and residential treatment. Collaborative and solutions-oriented individual with a proven record of quality improvement, audit readiness, and team development.

EDUCATION

Master of Science – Forensic Psychology

University of Louisiana - Monroe
May 2020

Bachelor of Science – Psychology

Indiana University
May 2017

- Thesis: *Racial Disparity in the Criminal Justice System*
- Minor in business

SKILLS

- PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT
- CRISIS INTERVENTION
- DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT
- PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH
- FACILITY ADMISSIONS
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH

EXPERIENCE

Clinical Supervisor/MHP

Lifeline Connections
2022 – present

Manage the Behavioral Health and Re-entry Services (BHRS) Program for incarcerated adults and court-involved youth in Whatcom County and oversee the fulfillment of requirements for Whatcom County Contract Number 202112008-3. Ensure program compliance with government standards/regulations and adherence to the National Commission of Correctional Health Care standards. Oversee quality improvement and program development of the BHRS program. Provide clinical and administrative support to a team of Mental Health Professionals and Re-entry Specialists to ensure the delivery of exceptional client care. Collaborate with a multitude of community partners to assist with the transition of incarcerated individuals back into the community. Increase clients' connection with behavioral health services and other resources to improve social functioning and reduce recidivism. Conduct behavioral health assessments to determine the level of care and intervention methods required for psychiatric stabilization. Conduct risk assessments to maintain client and staff safety and provide jail housing recommendations. Support client-led symptom management and treatment planning. Advocate for increased behavioral health services in the community and in correctional settings, as well as the development of incarceration diversion programs.

Clinical Supervisor/MHP

Lake Whatcom Center

2021 – 2022

Supervised and managed all clinical activities and functions of a 67-bed residential mental health treatment facility designed to serve adults with SMI. Assured compliance with Medicaid, Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), and government standards/regulations, as well as programmatic clinical best-practice standards. Created, improved, and implemented program policies and procedures. Provided clinical and administrative oversight of all mental health services. Evaluated program needs and coordinated with various stakeholders to expand and improve services. Improved treatment effectiveness, client graduation rates, and staff satisfaction. Managed and supervised a multidisciplinary team of clinicians and care providers, providing regular clinical supervision, training, performance feedback, service approval, and administrative support. Conducted comprehensive biopsychosocial assessments upon client's admission and throughout service provision. Provided individual, family, and group counseling. Collaborated with various agencies, community providers, and family members to develop individualized care plans and ensure continuity of care.

Intensive Outpatient Case Manager/MHP

Lake Whatcom Center

2020 – 2021

Provided outreach, treatment planning, and implementation of intensive outpatient mental health services to a caseload of 15-20 adults with SMI. Aided clients in identifying and connecting with resources, as well as developing coping and life skills. Provided emergency support to clients in crisis. Collaborated with multiple stakeholders, including staff, clients, families, and external providers. Advocated for clients' well-being and helped them fulfill major role requirements. Established and maintained connections with community and resource providers. Facilitated transition meetings to ensure treatment continued at the recommended level and frequency. Provided consultation to clinicians about crisis response strategies and documentation requirements.

Administrative Assistant

CAZ Energy

2019 – 2020

Created and managed electronic customer records and company files. Communicated with clients to resolve inquiries, schedule appointments, and process payments. Played a pivotal role in tracking job status, finishing projects, and maintaining records to increase company efficiency and profitability. Assisted with the planning and implantation of major business changes. Improved office operations to better manage client correspondence and recordkeeping.

Home Care Aide – Individual Provider

2017 – 2020

Assisted developmentally disabled and neurologically impaired clients to foster independence and modify behavior. Worked with clients and their care team to ensure developmental goals were met. Developed strong and trusting rapport with clients to provide the best possible care. Provided mental and emotional support to ensure clients were happy and healthy.