

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application
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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 Alexis

Last Name Hahs

Today's Date 1/27/2025

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	Collaborate with Whatcom County as a program director for Lifeline Connections Men's LIR program.
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	With over six years of experience in the substance use disorder

occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

counseling field, I have encountered countless cases of recidivism amongst clients. Often times, at rates that could have been reduced should proper collaboration amongst systems and programs be effectively implemented. Currently, I have the honor of serving full time as a Program Director for Lifeline Connections. I oversee all business related to the Men's Low Intensity Residential program specifically designed to fill the gap between high intensity and outpatient services. One of our goals, is to provide an opportunity for growth amongst our participants, in an effort to minimize the recurrence of harmful behaviors related to substance use and offenses.

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

With the experience and passion, I have for this field, I would be honored to serve on this group. The opportunity to serve and further give back to the community has been a passion of mine for some time.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Pam Jacobs- UCNW Behavioral Health Director 503.954.5168
Thomas Wynne- Therapeutic Courts Coordinator 509.731.1616
Robin Willins- Mental Health Court Manager 360.927.6154

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Alexis Hahs

Place Signed / Submitted



(Section Break)

Alexis Hahs AAS, BA, SUDP

Approved SUD Clinical Supervisor



Skills

- Systems oriented.
- Motivated
- Consistent

Experience

05/28/2024-current

Lifeline Connections- Program Director

- Responsible for providing program oversight on both clinical and operational levels.
- Schedule and facilitate individual supervision sessions with assigned staff; monitor staff training needs, professional development activities and ability to deliver services as assigned; monitor productivity; implement and monitor collaborative documentation; schedule staff to work shifts and monitor the staff shift schedule.
- Participate in staff recruitment, interviewing, hiring, work assignments, orientation, training and performance supervision according to rules, regulations, and policies.
- Ensure that the agency treatment programs are maintained in substantial compliance with the Department of Health (DOH), insurance organization reviews, and CARF Surveys.
- Monitor and balance financial reports including budget, expenditure control and monitoring, and personnel direct service hours.
- Provides clinical supervision of treatment services including case staffing, chart entries, case audits, and treatment plan reviews.

06/28/2022- 05/28/2024

Unity Care Northwest- Lead Substance Use Disorder Counselor

- Representative for the program in meeting with Federal Representative Rick Larsen during a site visit and agency interview.
- Provided thoughtful responses to news reporters after federal site visits. *Representative for agency audits from the state level.
- Create and monitor policies and procedures for the SUD program that align with agency-wide policies.
- Develop formats for effective documentation.
- Facilitate case consultations with other providers both internal and external. Including local government entities.
- Created a group curriculum to best meet patient needs within capacity.
- Stay informed of grant funding for the program and generate proposals as needed.

- Ignited and maintained relationships with multiple service agencies, local governments, and other pertinent third parties.
- Solely responsible for program-wide documentation requests and resources.
- Supervise providers seeking SUDPT certification hours and experience.

December 2020- 07/27/2022

Catholic Community Services-Bellingham Recovery Center- SUDPT

- I began my internship with CCS in October of 2020, then accepted a case aide position, one month after that I was promoted to counselor.
- Performed assessments using ASAM and DSM-5 level criteria. Provide a proper diagnosis using this same criteria.
- Complete intake appointments; recommend the needed level of care to clients and enroll them into groups and assign a counselor.
- Worked with youth and adult populations.
- Facilitated various groups.

Education

SUDP Certification with Washington State Department of Health- CP61299330

September 2021-current

Western Washington University- BA Human Services with Psych Minor. MA Rehabilitation Counseling.

Currently enrolled in Master's program for Rehabilitation Counseling to pursue dual licensure as LMHC as of Fall 2023.

September 2019- December 2020

Whatcom Community College – Substance Use Disorder Associates Degree

I recently graduated with my Associates in Science in Substance Use Disorder with a Behavioral Health Emphasis. I completed the two year program 6 months sooner and was consistently on the dean's list. I currently have my Substance Use Disorder Professional Certification with the Department of Health.

Additional Experience

Key Speaker- Agency Meeting with Representative Rick Larsen- Represented UCNW and the community in a discussion surrounding the opioid crisis, barriers of treatment services, and limitations as a result of governmental influence.

Key Speaker- Whatcom County Juvenile Probation- Provided education to youth and families while employed with Catholic Community Services.

15 Hours of Clinical Supervision Training- Completed course on Clinical Supervision through Cascadia Training.

Program Development- Responsible for development and sustainability of SUD program. This role encompasses policies and procedures, grant searching, business strategies, and more.

Community Involvement Cont.- Key speaker in community events on behalf of agency. Representative for site visit from Federal Representative Rick Larsen.

NAADAC Clinical Supervisor- Completed training module through NAADAC further education courses to obtain a certificate in clinical supervision.