

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	Ajreea
Last Name	Johnson
Today's Date	4/3/2026
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	YES
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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group	Justice Project Oversight & Planning Committee
Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP) Committee	Behavioral health 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?	Not applicable
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 currently employed at Lifeline Connections in Bellingham Washington.
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

I currently am working on my MSW from Walden University and

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

have my bachelors in sociology and criminal justice from the University of Las Vegas, Nevada. I am a clinician at lifeline connections where I work on a wrap around mental health team that provides support to individuals who are experiencing their first episode of psychosis. I also work in the Juvenile detention part time assisting with crisis work for the behavioral health team through Lifeline Connections.

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

I am interested in serving on the Advisory Group for the Justice Project Oversight and Planning Committee because I value thoughtful, client-centered approaches to improving justice systems. In my current role as a community mental health provider, I see firsthand the complex needs of individuals involved in the justice system, particularly the intersection of mental health, trauma, and systemic barriers. This work has deepened my commitment to advocating for more compassionate and effective approaches to justice. I regularly engage with youth and adults navigating significant challenges, which has given me a clear understanding of where systems succeed and where gaps remain. I believe this perspective is critical in shaping policies and oversight efforts that are both realistic and impactful. Serving on this Advisory Group would allow me to contribute my professional experience and personal dedication to improving outcomes, while also learning from peers and gaining a deeper understanding of systemic issues within our county. I am motivated to help shape strategies that are not only effective, but also inclusive and responsive to community needs.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Hannah Sloan [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Ajreea Johnson

Place Signed / Submitted

[REDACTED]

(Section Break)

Ajreea Johnson

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Walden University

Master of Social Work Program

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences; Sociology

Minor, Criminal Justice

Whatcom Community College

Associate of General Studies

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Individual Resiliency Clinician, New Journeys Team: *October 2024- Current*

Bellingham, WA

- Provide community-based therapeutic services, including intake assessments and ongoing treatment.
- Manage a caseload with a focus on early episode psychosis, delivering individualized, evidence-based care.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams and external providers to coordinate treatment and ensure continuity of care.
- Engage clients effectively, addressing barriers to attendance and supporting consistent participation in services.
- Maintain accurate and compliant clinical documentation in accordance with regulatory and agency standard.

Re-entry Case Manager – Lifeline Connections: *June 2022 – October 2024*

Bellingham, WA

- Conceptualized and developed an innovative re-entry program for Juveniles transitioning from detention back into society.
- Provided therapeutic and case management services for youth in Juvenile Detention and youth on community supervision. Provided stage-based treatment model considering individuals mental health and substance use.
- Provided Individual supportive therapy (e.g., problem solving, role playing, modeling and support) social-skill development, and assertiveness training to increase client social and interpersonal activities in community settings.
- Organized and led mental health groups for individuals in Juvenile detention and in the community.
- Organized and supported youth treatment plans with family and probation to ensure youth have the support to succeed in the community once released from Juvenile detention.
- Collaboratively developed and implemented a therapeutic pilot program in correctional facilities, working with multidisciplinary team to address inmate mental health needs.

Youth Career Coach – Youth Advocate Program Inc:

January 2020 – June 2022

Las Vegas, NV

- Assigned, monitored, administered, and organized social work cases of over 50 individuals and families.
- Maintained all relevant and necessary files, documentation, and paperwork regarding participating individuals and families.
- Evaluated and recommended appropriate social programs, federal grants, refunds, and benefit packages.
- Administered cases involving guardianship, well-being, financial burden, and housing needs.
- Case managed employment, education, life barriers, and training services as related to youth populations, including at-risk, juvenile justice involved, pregnant/parenting, homelessness, mental health, substance addicted, foster care and other population with barriers.
- Supports WIOA Title 1 services in intensive case management of eligible participants and providing 14 program Elements.

Internships

Hope For Prisoners:

December 2021

Las Vegas, NV

- Records case and client information in client management software and accurately maintains all necessary forms and release forms.
- Assists participants to identify and overcome barriers to successfully complete re-entry program.
- Maintain client contact to monitor success and provide follow up services as necessary.
- Maintain up-to-date records on client effort, progress, and support needs.

Department Of Corrections – Work Release:

February 2018

Bellingham, WA

- Provides resources and referrals to clients freshly released from prison institution.
 - Provided on-going supportive case management functions in accordance with the needs and strategies identified within the case plan to help clients achieve their stated goals and objectives.
 - Maintained and organized client records.
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