

# Stakeholder Advisory Committee: Jessica Waaga (Brooke Eolande)

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application  
**Date:** Monday, February 03, 2020 3:22:15 PM

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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission 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 Jessica

Last Name Waaga

Today's Date 2/3/2020

Street Address 2323 Queen St.

City Bellingham

Zip 98229

Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

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

Primary Telephone 360-671-5714

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address beolande@dvsas.org

### Step 2

1. Name of Board or Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Public Health, Safety, and

Committee

Justice Facility Needs Assessment

Stakeholder Advisory  
Committee for Facility  
Needs Assessment

Behavioral Health/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 2

4. Are you a US  
citizen?

Yes

5. Are you registered to  
vote in Whatcom  
County?

Yes

6. Have you declared  
candidacy (as defined  
by RCW 42.17A.055)  
for a paid elected office  
in any jurisdiction  
within the county?

No

7. Have you ever been  
a member of this  
Board/Commission?

No

8. 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?

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You may attach a  
resume or detailed  
summary of  
experience,  
qualifications, &  
interest in response to

[Resume - Google Docs.pdf](#)

the following questions

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

I am currently a Behavioral Health Program Coordinator at Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services. I have been in this position for about two years. It is my job to aid our agency in improving our services for clients with significant behavioral health challenges. As such, I am very familiar with the public health, safety and justice facility needs of our county, especially as it relates to domestic violence and sexual assault.

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10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

Our executive director believes it is important for a DV/SA advocate to be on this committee. Our trauma centered and empowerment based praxis make us an important voice to have at the table. Of our advocates, I have the most experience when it comes to behavioral health and crisis services in our community. Creating a community that protects and supports our most vulnerable neighbors is something I care deeply about.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

Elizabeth Hart, Supervisor, DVSAS- 360-671-5714  
Susan Marks, Executive Director, DVSAS- 360-671-5714

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Signature of applicant:

Jessica Waaga

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Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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# BROOKE EOLANDE

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OBJECTIVE: TO SERVE WHERE I AM MOST NEEDED

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### DVSAS — Behavioral Health Program Coordinator

MARCH, 2018 - CURRENT

Develop a Behavioral Health Program to better provide services to DVSAS clients with significant behavioral health challenges. Develop and strengthen relationships with community partners to help eliminate barriers. Create trainings and protocols that specifically address the mental health and chemical dependency issues our clients face.

### DVSAS — Office Manager/Reception

OCTOBER, 2015 - MARCH, 2018

Creates a safe, welcoming environment for clients, builds relationships with ongoing clients to make them feel cared about and better meet their needs, manages scheduling of appointments, maintains inventory, processes donations.

### Common Ground Construction — Office Manager

OCTOBER, 2010 - DECEMBER, 2012

Communicated with clients to ensure their needs were met and concerns addressed, worked independently and was very self-motivated, organized the office streamlining the bookkeeping process.

### Eley Guild Hardy Architects — Interior Designer

APRIL, 2008 - FEBRUARY, 2009

Researched materials to provide clients with the best in performance and value, supported architects in creating ergonomic and aesthetically pleasing spaces, excelled at learning new 3d imaging software (Revit.)

## EDUCATION

### Western Washington University — BA Communication Studies

Graduated June, 2015

### International Academy of Design & Technology — BFA Interior Design

Graduated August, 2009

## SKILLS

Excellent interpersonal communication.

Performs well under pressure.

Dependable, reliable, and punctual.

Able to build relationships easily.

Very dedicated to the mission of DVSAS.

Strong connections with many providers in the community.

Strong sense of empathy.

Professional demeanor.

Quickly learns new skills.

Works well independently and as part of a team.

## TRAININGS

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Motivational Interviewing

Suicide Prevention

Identifying, Investigating, & Prosecuting DV/SA in Strangulation Cases

Neurobiology of Trauma

Local Opioid Crisis: A Panel Discussion

Hoarding Disorder Training

Decolonizing Bellingham

Etc.