

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	Ms.
First Name	Suzanne
Last Name	Scala
Today's Date	10/18/2024
Street Address	
City	
Zip	
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
Primary Telephone	
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Justice Project Oversight & Planning Committee
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Group

Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP) Committee	Behavioral health provider, Substance use disorder treatment 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. 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?	No
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	<i>Field not completed.</i>
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or	Current licensed SUDP (Substance Use Disorder Professional), M.Ed., working with Lummi Nation Healing Spirit OTP (Opiate Treatment Program) and Lummi Counseling Services. Prior experience at Bellingham Comprehensive Treatment Center Methadone Treatment Program, and Catholic Community

community activities,
and education

Services Recovery Northwest.
Previous Secondary Ed. teacher with a Masters Degree in
Secondary Education.
Life-long social justice advocate.

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

I am a fierce advocate for people who struggle with substance
use disorders and for removing the social, medical, legal,
housing, and community stigma that is imposed upon those who
suffer from a substance use disorder. I've lived long enough to
witness how criminalizing and stigmatizing a disorder that has
over half a century of research and data supporting it as a
biopsychosocial disorder rather than a moral or character
shortcoming has caused needless harm, suffering, and death to
too many.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Jennifer Ervin: 360-441-5311
Lamont Scott, PA-C: 808-258-4396

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Suzanne M. Scala, M.Ed., SUDP

Place Signed /
Submitted

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