

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application  
**Date:** Monday, November 17, 2025 8:49:04 AM

## 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	Alison
Last Name	Fontaine
Today's Date	11/17/2025
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>

## Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Public Health Advisory Board

Group

Public Health Advisory Board	I have expertise, career experience, or lived experience in one of the areas listed above., I am a consumer of public health services. , I represent a stakeholder, such as a nonprofit organization, the business community, or those regulated by public health.
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	Attached
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired),	Currently, I work at PeaceHealth STJO in Bellingham on the quality team. I have worked in various healthcare sectors for over ten years in Whatcom/Skagit County, hold an master's in public health as well as a master's in business with an emphasis in

qualifications,  
professional and/or  
community activities,  
and education

healthcare management and also hold a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality license.

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

I'm interested in serving on this advisory group because I have seen first-hand what this board can do for the community and want to help support that. Through my work at PeaceHealth, I've had the absolute pleasure of working with many group members, especially in regard to improving the hospital ER care pathways for patients suffering from multiple opioid use disorder. I have championed the SUD taskforce and work group within PeaceHealth for two years. Public Health and health equity is something I feel so passionately about, and I feel like serving within the advisory group would be a great way to support values and areas of opportunities that are important to me.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

Rachel McGarry; [REDACTED]

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Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

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Signature of applicant:

Alison Fontaine

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Place Signed / Submitted

[REDACTED]

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(Section Break)

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# ALISON FONTAINE



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Peace Health Medical Group – Not-for-Profit Healthcare System**      Apr. 2021 – Present

### **Sr. Clinical Quality Program Manager**

- Acted as an quality facilitator during development of The Way Station, the first medical respite building in Whatcom County
- Supported creation, development, and implementation of a free mammogram screening program for local communities
- Led multiple task forces to address issues related to inpatient to outpatient transition of care, multiple opioid use disorder, preventable readmissions, and length of stay cost, while meeting and exceeding their goals

**Mira Vista – Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care**      Feb. 2019 – Apr. 2021

### **Director of Admissions, Program Manager**

- Executed strategic plans to strengthen and increase the preferred provider relationships
- Established and expanded relationships with state hospitals, nursing facilities, physicians' offices, and community agencies, strengthening community partnerships
- Led regulatory department responsible for conducting audits and surveys to ensure facility is following CMS, DOH, JC, and DMV regulations

**Alderwood Park – Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Care**      Dec. 2017 – Feb. 2019

### **Director of Community Relations**

- Established long-term partnerships with local and state level healthcare leaders as part of developing local collaboration program
- Developed new relationships with over 75 referral sources across Washington state
- Developed strategic fundraising plan, including an annual plan, defining activity goals and monthly metrics
- Created advertising strategy to promote facility by organizing and hosting community events such as monthly luncheons and open houses

### **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

<b>Master of Public Health</b> – Eastern Washington University, WA	2024
<b>Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ)</b>	2024
<b>Master of Business Administration</b> – Western Governors University, UT	2022
<b>BA Anthropology</b> – Western Washington University, WA	2019

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

<b>Washington State Council of Trout Unlimited</b> – Volunteer	2019 – 2023
<b>Somero Project</b> – Infection Prevention Educator	2022
<b>AIROW Project</b> – Board Member	2022
<b>WWU Palliative Care Board</b> – Volunteer	2016 – 2018