



ADVISORY GROUP APPLICATION

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	<i>Field not completed.</i>
	First Name	Michelle
	Last Name	Gillig
	Today's Date	4/2/2026
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
	Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
1	Name of Advisory Group	Public Health Advisory Board
	Position	I have expertise, career experience, or lived experience in one of the areas listed above., 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	No

	paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	
--	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), qualifications, professional and/or	I work at PHSJMC as the forensic coordinator. I oversee the internal forensic program and attend many outreach meetings. I work with our local advocacy groups, DVSAAS, Brigid Collins, and am a guest at the DV Commission meetings. My role also intersects with local law enforcement and the prosecutor's office as I attend the weekly multi-disciplinary meetings in both Whatcom and Skagit Counties.
8	Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.	Sexual assault and domestic violence are public health epidemics that require advocacy and awareness in our community.
	References (please include daytime telephone number):	Jon Scanlon- [REDACTED] Jenn Lockwood [REDACTED] Erik Sigmar [REDACTED] Jeremy Harper [REDACTED]
	Appointment Requirements*:	I understand and agree
	Signature of Applicant:	Michelle Gillig
	Place Signed/Submitted:	[REDACTED]

MICHELLE GILLIG

REGISTERED NURSE



OBJECTIVE

To care for patients in a trauma informed manner utilizing compassionate experience, best practice models, and research-based applications.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Hospital based nursing care since 1993 with experience in Emergency Medicine, Women's Health (labor and delivery) and Forensic Nursing.

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| 1993-1999 | Staff Nurse |
| Melrose/Wakefield Hospital, Melrose, MA - medical and telemetry units Lahey Clinic, Burlington, MA - telemetry and emergency care units | |
| 1999-2000 | Staff Nurse |
| Virginia Mason, Seattle, WA - emergency care unit
St. Joseph Medical Center Bellingham, WA - emergency care unit | |
| 2000-2001 | Staff Nurse |
| Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, MA - emergency care unit
Beth Isreal Medical Center Boston, MA- emergency care unit | |
| 2001-2019 | Staff Nurse |
| Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence, MA – emergency and maternal health care units | |
| 2004-present | Forensic nurse- adult and pediatric care |
| 2019-2023 | Staff Nurse |
| PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center- maternal health unit | |
| 2023-present | Program Manager/Forensic Coordinator |

EDUCATION

- Assoc in Nursing- BunkerHill Community College- 1993
Bachelors of Science in Nursing- Salem State College- 2003
Masters in Public Health – University of Massachusetts – not completed

EDUCATION

June 20XX

Master of Fine Arts in Writing and Publishing

Ehsaas College of the Arts

Completed a rigorous curriculum in professional writing, publishing, and editorial practices.

COMMUNICATION

Strong written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to provide constructive feedback and collaborate effectively with writers, editors, and other stakeholders.

LEADERSHIP

Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously and meet tight deadlines, while maintaining the highest standards of quality.