

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 Mr.

First Name Douglas

Last Name Dickenson

Today's Date 1/10/2023

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone None

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Child & Family Well-Being Task Force

Child & Family Well-Being Task Force	Yes
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 5
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?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	Attached

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

I provided child welfare services to children, youth, and families as a licensed therapist and case manager for twenty six years from 1990-2016 for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. I worked in Snohomish County and Whatcom County. (See resume attached).

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

I have a background in child welfare services. I have worked extensively with at-risk parents, children, and the systems which support them. I am familiar with community services, alcohol and drug programs, mental health agencies, state agencies, and family courts which help families. I am a licensed clinical social worker.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Annie Taylor, Area Manager for Bellingham Office of the Division of Children and Family. (360) 594-6700

Signature of applicant:

Douglas R. Dickenson

Place Signed / Submitted



(Section Break)

Douglas Dickenson

1/10/2023

OBJECTIVE:

Volunteer, advocate for Children, Youth, and Families.

QUALIFICATIONS

I have twenty-five years of experience in providing services to families and children at risk, specializing exclusively in providing behavioral assessment, case management and counseling services for abused and neglected children. Professional social work license since 1994. Continuing education in mental health and trauma diagnosis and counseling.

EDUCATION

1965-1968 BA, University of Oregon

1977-1979 MPA, Brigham Young University

1988-1990 MSW, University of Washington

EMPLOYMENT

1999-2016 Social Worker, Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Manage a foster care caseload of abused adolescents with behavioral problems and younger children, including assessment of minors coming into care; arranging out of home placement; report writing relating to child behavior, strengths, needs, and progress in treatment settings; appearances and communication in family and juvenile court; cooperation and collaboration with stakeholders. Mentor interns. In Seattle, WA and Bellingham, WA.

1990-1999 Family Preservation Counselor, Behavioral Sciences Institute

Intensive in-home family preservation counseling with families referred from Child Protective Services to prevent out of home placement and facilitate return of children home from foster care. Supervise interns. Lynnwood, WA, Everett, WA, and Snohomish County, WA.

1982-1986 Economic Development Professional, Utah Economic Development Division

Market and package government loans to small business. Salt Lake City, UT.

1972-1982 Local Government Consultant, Utah Community
Development Division

Government employed consultant to city and county
governments regarding local, state, and federal resources
for local development and improvements in quality of
community life. Salt Lake City, UT

LICENSES

Social Worker Independent Clinical License, Washington
State Department of Health

Credential # LW00006555