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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 Claire

Last Name Thurman-Moore

Today's Date 2/2/2023

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 *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

### Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Public Health Advisory Board

Public Health Advisory Board	I have expertise, career experience, or lived experience in one of the areas listed above.
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?	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 have work as a psychiatric nurse practitioner at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and PeaceHealth Family Medicine-Cordata Main. My primary areas of interest and expertise are in working with people with chronic severe mental illness in an inpatient setting and increasing access to mental health services through integrated behavioral health in primary care. While completing my MSN from Seattle University, I worked as an RN at Skagit Valley Hospital's inpatient psychiatric unit and, briefly, at Skagit County Crisis Center. Through my work as a nurse, I have gained a strong working knowledge of the health and social services available in our county and direct experience working with individuals reliant on these services. I am a proud member of Bellingham's LGBTQIA+ community. I hold a BA in History and Science from Harvard University.

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

I want to join the public health advisory board so that I may draw on my professional experience as a psychiatric nurse practitioner in Whatcom County to help craft new and support existing practical, evidence-based solutions to the myriad of health challenges that face our community.

I am keenly aware that our county's hospital, health agencies, and clinics are stretched thin, making it difficult for patients to find timely and appropriate care. I worry about this already strained system unraveling further should another public health crisis, like the COVID-19 pandemic, arise. This care shortage is particularly pronounced for mental health and substance abuse services with publicly funded agencies increasingly having to close their doors to new patients. Homelessness, poverty, and prison recidivism further compound the health challenges of the most vulnerable in our community, particularly among individuals with severe mental illness with whom I work. I am heartened by the strides the county has made to address these social determinants of health and the growing healthcare shortage through programs like GRACE and LEAD and with the recently built/expanded Crisis Stabilization Center. I want to be a part of continuing and expanding these efforts to meet the very real health needs of our community.

In closing, it would be an honor to join the Public Health Advisory Board so that I may work with my fellow community members to guide our public health system toward greater responsiveness, resiliency, and equity.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Nadia Saina, MD (psychiatrist, colleague at PeaceHealth, 09/2020-present), 816-914-2582

Ashley Buerger, MA (Executive Director at Road2Home, former colleague at PeaceHealth), 360-441-1519

Signature of applicant:

Claire Thurman-Moore, ARNP, PHMNP

Place Signed /  
Submitted



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# Claire E. Thurman-Moore, ARNP, PMHNP-BC

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## EDUCATION

- 2018                    **SEATTLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING**—Seattle, WA  
M.S.N. Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- 2007                    **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**—Cambridge, MA  
B.A. History and Science

## PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE

- 01/19-present        **PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, Behavioral Health**  
*Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner*  
Bellingham, WA
- 01/16-12/18         **Skagit Valley Hospital, Mental Health Unit**  
*Registered Nurse, per diem*  
Mount Vernon, WA
- 10/15-12/15         **Pioneer Human Service, Skagit County Crisis Center**  
*Registered Nurse, per diem*  
Burlington, WA

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 01/11-03/14         **City of Mountain View, Recreation Department**  
*Recreation Technician, Deer Hollow Farm*  
Mountain View, CA
- 09/09-12/2010     **Exploring New Horizons**  
*Garden Coordinator, Sempervirens Outdoor School*  
Boulder Creek, CA
- 08/07-08/09        **Hidden Villa**  
*Education Intern, Farm and Wilderness Counselor, ACT/Bay to Sea Program Head*  
Los Altos, CA

## LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- 07/18-present        **Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan)**  
American Nurses Credentialing Center
- 06/16-present        **Registered Nurse License**  
Washington State Department of Health
- 05/15-present        **Basic Life Support**  
American Heart Association