

Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Appointment of Member representing a Homeless Advocate

August 7, 2019 Whatcom County Council Meeting

Applicants:

- Lynn Allen
- America Bible
- Debbie Fecteau
- Jennifer Mansfield
- Russ Sapienza
- Kathy Stanford
- Markis Stidham



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Name: Lynn Allen Date: July 31, 2019
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City: Bellingham, WA Zip Code: 98229
Mailing Address (if different from street address): same
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E-mail address: vibrantlongevity@gmail.com

- Name of board or committee-**please see reverse:** Homeless Strategies Workgroup
- You must specify which position you are applying for.
Please refer to vacancy list. Homeless Advocate
- Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?
(If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) Not sure. () yes () no
- Which Council district do you live in? (X) One () Two () Three () Four () Five
- Are you a US citizen? (X) yes () no
- Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? (X) yes () no
- Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? () yes (X) no
If yes, dates: _____
- 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? () yes (X) no
If yes, please explain: _____
- Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? () yes (X) no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

10. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education.
I'm a former schoolteacher. I have a Bachelor's in Physical Education, University of Iowa. MA in dance, Mills College. Internship in Movement Therapy, Philadelphia State Hospital. I've been a peace + human rights activist here - 41 years.

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: I research and volunteer, post on FB and write articles advocating for the homeless. I've volunteered with Homes Now - Bellingham for over two years, going to many City + County Council meetings. I have a passionate but balanced way of working with the people, brygs + agencies.

References (please include daytime telephone number):
Jim Peterson, Doug Gustafson, Markis Dae, JC Mansfield, Lisa Pepp, Dena Louise, Dana Briggs + many more.
Signature of applicant: Lynn Allen

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From: [Jennifer Schneider](#)
To: [Cathy Halka](#)
Subject: FW: Link to add to Lynn Allen's application
Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 9:33:01 AM

From: Lynnette Allen [mailto:vibrantlongevity@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Jennifer Schneider
Subject: Link to add to Lynn Allen's application

Here is the link to one of two articles I wrote for Whatcom Watch about helping the homeless in Bellingham during the freezing weather.

The first one was in the March issue and this one was in the May, 2019, issue.

Please add this to my application.

<https://whatcomwatch.org/index.php/article/rescuing-all-of-the-homeless/>

Thank you

So..keep calm and tap dance!

Lynnette

vibrantlongevity@gmail.com
lynette@homesnow.org

Lynnette Allen is my page on FB

I admin the groups -
Friends who voted for Bernie Sanders
Creating the News We Want!
Celebrating a World That Works for All
People's Freedom to Prosper Peacefully
Winter Haven Tent Encampment

Cell: 360-966-1682

I am a catalyst and coordinator for Conscious Community connection and collaboration.

Nonjudgment Day is near.

Whatcom Watch Online

*A community forum on government,
environmental issues and media*

Rescuing ALL of the Homeless

by Lynnette Allen

I interviewed Markis Dee and JC Mansfield, who helped find and transport homeless people to shelter in Bellingham during the weeks of freezing weather in February, and going into March of 2019.

So many were escorted to shelter by the HomesNOW vans and the volunteers — who helped to rent more vans, provide lots of supplies, and finally provide vouchers for hotel and motel rooms. This included people on the streets, people in their own camps or under bridges or even at the hospital where they found themselves out in the cold again after treatment for illnesses, frostbite, and, in one case, a fracture.

Many of the Winter Haven tent community residents participated in this rescue, and they themselves were given vouchers for motel rooms by HomesNow during the weeks of freezing weather. Four residents have been helped to find housing so far, and more residents have arrived.

The Fountain Community Church and the Bellingham Public Library offered shelter to women who made application through the Lighthouse Mission and were approved. And a church in the county did a great job of providing shelter during the coldest week. HomesNow volunteers asked for this help and also transported the homeless still out in the cold to the church in the evening and back to town each morning.

After much outcry from the public, there were finally two emergency warm-up centers opened for men only, one by the city at the Maritime Heritage Park building and one by the county at the Garden Room at 322 N. Commercial Street. Each stayed open for only a few days. This short relief was appreciated by everyone involved. But was started too late and shut down too soon to really address the need for shelter.

JC Mansfield is continually urging the city and county to action: “Not establishing adequate public resources for every demographic of unhoused persons means choosing to let people risk their health and lives. This lack of responsiveness has devastating repercussions. Inaction in past years has resulted in a terrible death count of lives lost. We have a devastating record of allowing people to freeze to death or cause harm to themselves and/or others when using unsafe means attempting to stay warm.”

Often women, couples, and families, many of whom are working, or have been working for years here fall through the cracks of the system as it now functions — and that is documented by the many who have been speaking up at recent City and County Council meetings.

The Interfaith Coalition, which now includes 41 churches and the Peace Health Clinic, is developing a growing “Family Promise” program that is helping families stay together by offering sanctuary, meals and mentoring.

The families that apply and are approved for the program can stay several weeks — moving each week to a sanctuary offered by participating churches. Volunteers from these churches help them make choices and apply to agencies offering help.

A Bellingham resident, a volunteer working with Homes Now, Not Later's one-on-one program, has finally helped find housing for one family. She reported (in early March), "It was snowing tonight, again. People are out on the street and it is cold. Somehow, our collective consciousness has managed to keep one family off of the street since February 3, 2019. We have spent so much money housing them in a hotel; can you not see how we could have spent that on a real home to move into? Now we know, when there is a serious intention, we can create miracles."

The sacrifice of health, energy, funds, and, most of all, the heartbreak experienced by so many volunteers in Bellingham, is the untold story that needs to be honored. They have demonstrated a better way to care for the homeless in freezing weather.

It looks like it will take a lot of getting together — volunteers of nonprofits, churches and local government agencies — to prepare adequately for emergencies in the future. I believe it is possible.

Lynnette Allen went to the University of Iowa and then to Mills College. Lynnette taught physical education and modern dance and specialized in movement therapy. Later, she studied nonviolent communication. Lynnette loves to teach and write — and her favorite subject is consciousness. She's a dedicated human rights activist, and recently she's enjoyed volunteering with HomesNOW!.

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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

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Title	Mrs.
First Name	America
Last Name	Bible
Today's Date	7/26/2019
Street Address	3034 Key Pl
City	Sedro Woolley
Zip	98284
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Secondary Telephone	360-398-6201
Email Address	abible1210@att.net

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Committee

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 3

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

[current resume.edited by Pam.docx](#)

9. Please describe your occupation (or former

Licensed Real Estate Managing Broker (Illinois) 1981-present-active license but retired

occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

Habitat for humanity as a Family Advocate -Joliet, Illinois
Associate in Business Administration-Benedictine University-
Lisle, Illinois
Baccalaureate in Criminal Justice -Benedictine University - Lisle,
Illinois

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

Homelessness is an ever-increasing dilemma, mostly due to a
lack of economic prosperity and people need help. I feel that my
life experience and the background will be a useful tool in this
program.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Evelyn Benders 1-815 768-9109
Susan Milewski - 1-815-366-9262

Signature of applicant:

America Davila Bible

Place Signed /
Submitted

Sedro Woolley

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America Bible
3034 Key Place
Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284

Objective

Seeking an opportunity to transition from real estate to the Criminal Justice advocacy field.

Summary

Advocate with experience working with families and children to meet their immediate and long term needs, which have been my lifelong passion. Bilingual in English and Spanish.

Education

2017

Benedictine University
Lisle, Illinois

Bachelors of Arts in Criminal Justice

➤ Cum Laude

➤ Certificate of Completion by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

2017

Associate of arts in Business Administration with Honors

2014

Professional Experience

Habitat for Humanity from 2005 to 2016

Family Advocate

Will County, Illinois

- Interview families to gather pertinent confidential information
- Determine basic or immediate housing needs
- Gather information to present to the board for approval
- Create budgets and Plans for families when necessary

Licensed Real Estate Agent / Broker / Managing Broker

Retired

- Provided budget analysis for families to prepare them for the home buying process or selling process.
- Assisted with families to create budgets or credit clean up

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

1999 to 2000

RAMCOR

- Assisted lead instructors with training law enforcement officers from all agencies under the Department of Justice

Community Service

Senior Citizens Center – Developed buyers and sellers seminars. Children's Children's Miracle Network, Toys for Tots, N.A.H.A.O (National Association of Hispanic American Officers) R. O. T. C. and Youth Motivation Work Shops – **Participated in fundraisers**

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Title	Mrs.
First Name	Debbie E
Last Name	Fecteau
Today's Date	7/26/2019
Street Address	2925 Vining Street
City	Bellingham
Zip	98226
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	YES
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 30996, Bellingham 98228
Primary Telephone	661-433-6008
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	debbiefecteau@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Homeless Strategies Workgroup
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?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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	<i>Field not completed.</i>

I am an audio engineer. I have volunteered with homeless

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

organizations since I lived in NY in the 1980s, then in Los Angeles in the 90s until moving here. Locally I have volunteered with the Lighthouse Mission and the Opportunity Council. I have a heart for the homeless and believe I can be helpful in this capacity.

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

As I said above, I have a heart for the homeless and believe I can be helpful in this capacity. It isn't about just the people on the street, but the children and families. I believe in helping others, but I also believe in helping at home first before reaching out beyond our own community. If we can't help ourselves here, how can we possibly reach out outside our own community?
Thank you!

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Bliss Goldstein 360-739-1685
Melodie Hildebrand 360-421-9023

Signature of applicant:

Debbie E Fecteau

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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Board and Commission Application

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Title	Field not completed.
First Name	Jennifer
Last Name	Mansfield
Today's Date	7/25/2019
Street Address	2621 W Maplewood Ave Apt 313
City	Bellingham
Zip	98225
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Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
Primary Telephone	360-441-2601
Secondary Telephone	360-223-9818
Email Address	Countrygirlinnw@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Committee

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?

Field not completed.

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?

Yes

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

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9. Please describe your occupation (or former

AAS Legal Admin Asst. Volunteer office support for Homes NOW Not Later. Citizen outreach winter 2018/2019.

occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

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

It is important to identify public access points and method of
public communication for our at-risk populations.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Bea Acland 360-319-2601

Signature of applicant:

Jennifer Christine Mansfield

Place Signed /
Submitted

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Name: Russ Sapienza Date: 7/26/19
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City: Bellingham Zip Code: 98225
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Day Telephone: 360-738-3189 Evening Telephone: " Cell Phone: 360-521-5371
E-mail address: sapienza64@yahoo.com

- Name of board or committee-**please see reverse**: Homeless Committee
- You must specify which position you are applying for.
Please refer to vacancy list. Member
- Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?
(If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) yes () no
- Which Council district do you live in? () One () Two () Three () Four () Five
- Are you a US citizen? yes () no
- Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? yes () no
- Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? JUL 26 2019 () yes no
If yes, dates: _____
- 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? () yes no
If yes, please explain: _____
- Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? () yes no

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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

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

I am a Board Member of NAMI-Whatcom, Developmental Disabilities Adr. Board, and Sehome Neighborhood Assn, as well as a representative of the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee. I have volunteered in Project Homeless Connect - Point In Time Count

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: I would like to delve further into assisting with the housing situation here in Whatcom County

References (please include daytime telephone number): Kwt Ingram (360-820-4168)
Kim Sauter (360-671-4950)

Signature of applicant: Russell S Sapienza

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Title	Mrs.
First Name	Kathy
Last Name	Stanford
Today's Date	7/26/2019
Street Address	1322 Birch Bay Lynden RD
City	Ferndale
Zip	98248
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Secondary Telephone	360-354-6524
Email Address	kathystanford@kw.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Committee

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 4

4. Are you a US citizen?

Yes

5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?

Field not completed.

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?

Yes

If yes, please explain

I am an Independent agent with Keller Williams Western Realty, also my husband and I jointly own Rescom NW construction, a residential and commercial construction company.

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to

Field not completed.

the following questions

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

I am currently an independent Realtor in Whatcom county and have been for 6 years. Prior to this, I was a Pharmacy Technician for 26 years with Fairway Drug. I am a member of the Lynden Chamber of commerce and currently serve on the board of Directors. I have previously served on the Board of Directors for the Birch Bay Music Festival, a three day event to benefit local animal rescue.

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

As a Realtor, the homeless situation in our county is very evident in my daily life. The joy I see from my clients when they are able to purchase their first home is one of the biggest reasons I love what I do. I would like to see everyone have the opportunity of a warm bed and a space to call their own.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Jerry Koehler-360-354-1226
Annette Richardson-360-510-7717
Rob Shields-360-820-8875

Signature of applicant:

Kathy Stanford

Place Signed / Submitted

Ferndale, WA

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Title *Field not completed.*

First Name Markis D

Last Name Stidham

Today's Date 7/25/2019

Street Address 5569 Mt.Baker Hwy.

City Deming

Zip 98244

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 360-393-8289

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address Opencarryhammers@yahoo.com

Step 2

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Yes

3. Which Council district do you live in?

District 3

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?

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No

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9. Please describe your occupation (or former

I've been in Whatcom County since 1984 and have worked as commercial fisherman and Carpenter all of my adult life. I have

occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

taken part in different environmental and social advocacies over the years. Like so many people I tend to be attracted to the advocacies which I feel the most deeply about, and being a fisherman, was really drawn to environmentalism. And being someone who is on his own at 14 living in a tiny Shack on Lummi Island, I can tell you what it's like to be on the edge of homelessness for the first several years that I lived there.

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

As I had previously stated, I have a history of living in the tiny housing that used to be available in Whatcom County in the late 80s and even in the small pockets in the early 90s. That type of housing actually helped me to become a man among men in a small fishing Village where I fed a nation from my subsidized housing.

This experience has made me a huge advocate of tiny house Solutions in the housing first model. So when I met Jim Peterson of homes now not later, I knew that I needed to be involved with that program, because it was a program that had worked for me, and used to be here in Whatcom County all along...

I see it as the missing housing that everyone is talking about. In my time with homes now I quickly became an independent advocate of servicing the unhoused population Whatcom County in the streets where they live. I designed and oversaw the construction of the ShowersNow shower truck with which our group has been servicing the homeless population for over a year, and in that process we have given somewhere in the neighborhood of 1600 showers.

In February of 2019, myself and my fiance saw that there was a dire need in the streets and answered it by going out into the streets in a terrible blizzard that had inundated Bellingham. Our efforts quickly and organically blossomed into a giant operation in cooperation with homes now which sheltered over a hundred and fifty people within Bellingham City Limits, who were unable or unwilling to go to the current shelters available. We delivered people to the shelters until the shelters were full. Saint Joseph Hospital emergency room had my number and called me personally at least 10 times to come and pick up people who were being discharged.

With the cooperation of homes now we launched an organic effort to get funding to House people in hotel rooms all over Bellingham.

The money raised in this period was around \$30,000 during the 6-week emergency.

Also during this time we, in cooperation with a church in Northern Whatcom County, opened up our own no barrier unisex shelter, and we kept it open for about 8 days with our maximum occupancy somewhere around 35 souls.

There were no problems they could not easily be contended with. There was no need to call the police ever during that Sheltering. We petitioned the city the county to help us to provide emergency shelter, with varying success, including the temporary

emergency men's shelter that we influenced the city to open at Maritime Heritage Park that lasted for three days. Followed by the County run shelter at the Garden Room which I believe ran for about a week.

The Staffing for that particular shelter was a mixture of citizen volunteers, city , and county staff members, including County Executive and many different Council persons. Both of these shelters were men's only facilities, and were still not enough to fulfill the need on the street.

Is my heartfelt goal to find the resources within our government structure to get this vital work done and more, without putting our citizens at such great risk. That is a priority for me.

I have recently submitted the paperwork for a new 501 c 3 nonprofit named Hearts and Homes.

Our focus is mobile Outreach oriented, with room to grow as is needed , with the eventual goal of getting everyone safely and healthily sheltered in our area.

In brief, I see homelessness as completely solvable.

I have many different solution-based ideas for our County and the City of Bellingham, and I can't wait to share these ideas with a group dedicated do the same cause as me.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Amy Glasser MSW (social worker)
360.820.0633
Jim Peterson .President Homesnow not Later
360.319.2150
Douglass Gufstafson . Technical director, homesnow not later
360.224.3727
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