

# Heather Flaherty - Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

#### Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

##### Public Statement

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Title	Mrs.
First Name	Heather
Last Name	Flaherty
Today's Date	1/3/2020
Street Address	1500 Cornwall, Suite 201, PO Box 5641
City	Bellingham
Zip	98225
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	3606713349
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Email Address	heatherflaherty@chuckanuthealthfoundation.org

**Step 2**

1. Name of Board or Committee	Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment
Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Facility Needs Assessment	Behavioral Health/Social Service Provider
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 1
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	<u>Heather Flaherty Resume Updated 072919.pdf</u>
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired),	I serve as the Executive Director of the Chuckanut Health Foundation and oversee strategy and operations, working closely with my Board. We invest resources through grant-

qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

making, convenings, and leadership in activities that advance individual and community health. I have served on a number of boards in our community, including WAHA, Opportunity Council, the Volunteer Center, and currently am serving on the Western Washington University Alumni Association Board. I received my MBA and a Bachelors of Science in Community Health at Western Washington University. I also currently serve on the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Taskforce.

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

I wholeheartedly support and believe that public health and public safety go hand in hand and I am excited about the approach Whatcom County is taking on these issues. I am interested in serving because I have a keen interest in finding ways to safely care for community members who are in need of treatment for mental health or substance use and believe that this table will help facilitate the community response that is needed.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Jay Julius, 360-319-3960; Ken Bell, 360-739-1002; Maia Vanyo, 360-303-0054; Chris Phillips, 360-223-9045

Signature of applicant: Heather Flaherty

Place Signed / Submitted Bellingham, WA

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# Heather Flaherty

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## CAREER OBJECTIVE

Foundation Director with 5+ years of experience of working with grantees and community to create and implement initiatives for health, resiliency, palliative care, environment, and criminal justice reform. Aiming to bring my experience in community health, business planning and strategy, people management, and community and coalition building to support the vision of creating a vibrant community of health.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **CHUCKANUT HEALTH FOUNDATION, Bellingham, Washington**

*Executive Director, January 2019 - Present*

- Lead, manage, and implement strategy based on community need to advance issues such as aging well, youth mental health, and diversion and opiate abuse prevention.
- Manage annual operating and grants budget for Foundation.
- Collaborate closely with volunteer board of directors to ensure fidelity to mission and vision.

### **RAPTOR ENTERPRISES, Bellingham, Washington**

*Operations Director, Jan 2017 – Dec 2018*

- Responsible for payroll, benefits administration, new hire orientations, safety program, and overall personnel management for approximately 150 employees.
- Led strategy and planning for Rocket Donuts, Zane Burger, and FatPie Pizza and provided oversight and support to restaurant general managers.
- Managed community relations activities for each of the business entities the Raptor Group serves (Rocket Donuts, Acme Ice Cream, Fat Pie Pizza); direct and manage social media and marketing activities.

### **RIVERSTYX FOUNDATION, Bellingham, Washington**

*Foundation Director, Sep 2014 – Dec 2018*

- Worked closely with trustees to formalize and implement the annual grant-making goals and objectives while providing overall direction, support, and recommendations to grant-making initiatives and strategy.
- Facilitated day-to-day operations of the foundation, managing a portfolio of 35-40 grantees annually with a grants budget of \$900,000.
- Conducted analysis on grant requests and program areas; managed relationships and outcomes with grantees; administered and executed grants on behalf of the foundation.

### **PEACEHEALTH ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER, Bellingham, Washington**

*Executive Assistant to the CEO, Jan 2011 - Aug 2014*

- Provided professional and collaborative support to the CEO, including developing and reviewing correspondences, reports, and proposals on behalf of CEO and Executive Team
- Supported PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center Governing Board and PeaceHealth Northwest Network Strategy Board, developed agendas, coordinated meetings, maintained minutes and legal records
- Co-authored Patient Experience Business Plan for PeaceHealth System (12 Hospitals in Alaska, Washington, and Oregon) with a budget of approximately \$30 million, approved at PeaceHealth System Board

## EDUCATION

### **WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, Bellingham, Washington**

*Master's in Business Administration, Jun 2014*

Named Outstanding Graduate of the MBA Program, 2014

### **WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, Bellingham, Washington**

*Bachelor's of Science in Community Health, Aug 2009*

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Appointed Member, Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Taskforce, Whatcom County, January 2019 - Present
- Board President for Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement, January 2017 – December 2018; Board Member, March 2015 - December 2018
- Board Member, Opportunity Council, May 2016 – December 2018