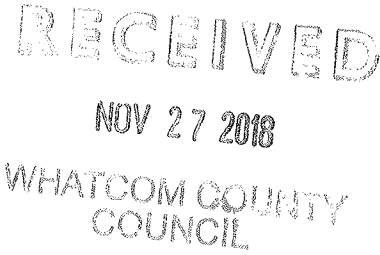


CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	SM	11/20/18		12/04/18	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:		11.27.18			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: *Appointment to the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board.*

ATTACHMENTS: *Memorandum from Whatcom County Human Services Staff; Application for Appointment*

<i>SEPA review required?</i>	() Yes	(X) NO	<i>Should Clerk schedule a hearing?</i>	() Yes	(X) NO
<i>SEPA review completed?</i>	() Yes	(X) NO	<i>Requested Date:</i>		

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

County Executive Jack Louws requests confirmation of his appointment of Kara Mitchell to the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization’s Advisory Board

COMMITTEE ACTION:

COUNCIL ACTION:

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:

Please Note: *Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County’s website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.*



Memorandum

TO: JACK LOUWS

FROM: Jackie Mitchell

DATE: 11/13/18

RE: Nomination to the North Sound Behavioral Organization Health Advisory Board

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JACK LOUWS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

*move forward
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I am pleased to forward a nomination for the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board.

Kara Mitchell a candidate for membership on the North Sound BHO Advisory Board. Kara has experience with substance use disorders and she and her husband are setting up clean and sober housing for people in recovery in Whatcom County. She is excited and looking forward to her first board appointment.

We highly recommend Kara for appointment to the North Sound BHO Advisory Board.

Thank you for considering this nomination for appointment.





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.

First Name	Kara
Last Name	Mitchell
Date	8/8/2018
Street Address	570 West Lake Samish Drive
City	Bellingham
Zip	98229
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>
Primary Telephone	3609320720
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	Kara@ascendingopportunities.org
1. Name of Board or Committee	North Sound Behavioral Health Organization
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?

Field not completed.

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

Field not completed.

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

I am the founder of Ascending Opportunities, which is a nonprofit designed to help people re-define their self-worth and gain a second chance at life, by assisting them with a successful reintegration back into society by providing a supportive recovery lifestyle, clean and sober housing, employment and community resources. I have my Associates and Arts, Business Management, Paralegal Studies Degrees. I have been working with people struggling both in and out of recovery for the last 10+ years.

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

I love my community, I was born and raised in Whatcom County and had moved down to Seattle to work for another non-profit about 4 years ago that works with people coming out of prison, treatment, etc. It was my dream to move back to my home community and do what I was doing for the community in which I love. This is where my friends and family are, my recovery and support group are based out of and so I have founded my own nonprofit. It is my goal and mission to become more active within my community and spread my experience, strength, hope and knowledge in as many ways as I have the ability to do so and I feel that being a part of this advisory board will allow me to do that.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Jennifer Coleman 360-920-2578 Kara Chanik 360-224-2454 Jackie Mitchell 360-778-6048

Signature of applicant:

Kara S. Mitchell

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA