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## Profile

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Washington State Opioid  
Treatment Authority

Occupation

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Heritage Commission: Submitted

Planning Commission: Submitted

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**If you applied for multiple boards or commissions, please rank them in order of interest below.**

N/A

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**Select Your Neighborhood (you must live within Olympia City limits to serve on a board or commission) \***

☒ Carlyon North

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If you choose "other" please write in your neighborhood here:

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## Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

Please keep answers concise and informative. You are introducing yourself to the Olympia City Council and sharing with them why you are interested in being considered for appointment. Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration. You may attach a resume.

Question applies to multiple boards

**1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this advisory committee.**

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I have an interest in serving my community in a civic, non-partisan manner, and I believe I have professional experiences that are particularly applicable to the Planning Commission from my work experience with the Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery as both a behavioral health regulator for Washington State, and in my current role as the appointed Washington State Opioid Treatment Authority.

Question applies to multiple boards

**2. Describe your qualifications and/or skills which would benefit this advisory committee.**

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I have extensive experience in the interpretation and creation of both WAC and RCW from my professional experience with the Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery. I have been in professional roles as both a regulator for the State of Washington, as well as in policy development for the State of Washington. Additionally, I have experience in hosting public hearings for the State of Washington regarding the citing of opioid treatment programs in communities across Washington and in providing technical assistance to cities in Washington regarding the zoning of opioid treatment programs. My experiences in both health care and as a public health professional provide me with a lens on the importance of considering community health and safety in the planning process. Please review my resume for a more extensive discussion of my professional skills and qualifications.

Question applies to multiple boards

**3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.**

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I volunteered with the Junior League of Olympia in 2016, and the Thurston County Democrats from 2016 to the present where I helped engage in voter outreach and registration efforts. Additionally, I served on the Executive Board of the organization from December 2017 to December 2017.

Question applies to multiple boards

#### 4. List your educational and professional background and area of study.

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I have a Masters in Mental Health Counseling, and a Masters in School Counseling from the University of Buffalo in Buffalo, NY. I was a licensed professional counselor in New York State providing mental health and substance use disorder counseling until moving to Washington State in 2014. I am currently a licensed professional counselor in the State of Washington in both mental health and substance use disorder counseling. For the past three years, I have worked for the Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery as a regulator of both licensed mental health and substance treatment facilities (Ex. outpatient, inpatient, crisis triage, withdrawal management, opioid treatment programs, etc.) I also have recently been appointed as the Washington State Opioid Treatment Authority. In this role I am responsible for the oversight, coordination, technical assistance and state policy development for all of Washington State's Licensed Opioid Treatment Programs. Additionally, I currently represent Washington State and all of Washington's Licensed Opioid Treatment Programs to the following federal government agencies SAMHSA and DEA; as well as the DOH Board of Pharmacy, Washington State Health Care Authority and to federally recognized Accreditation bodies such as Joint Commission and CARF.

Question applies to multiple boards

#### 5. Appointment to this committee will require your attendance at evening meetings. How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?

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20-25

Question applies to multiple boards

#### 6. If you are not appointed to this committee at this time:

Question applies to multiple boards

#### 6a. Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another advisory committee?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

#### 6c. Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**If you answered yes to 6a, please identify what other Advisory Committees you would be interested in being considered for in order of interest.**

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(1) Planning Commission- Primary Interest (2) Heritage Commission- Secondary Interest

Question applies to multiple boards

#### 6b. Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to this committee?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**7. Some appointments require that applicants reside within Olympia city limits. Even though your mailing address may be Olympia, you may reside in the County or another jurisdiction. Are you a resident of the City of Olympia?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**8. Citizens appointed to advisory committees are assigned and required to use a City email address for all advisory committee business.**

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**Do you agree to comply with this expectation?**

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☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

**9. How did you learn about this advisory committee recruitment?**

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The Olympian Newspaper

[Jessica\\_K\\_Blose\\_Resume\\_and\\_Map\\_of\\_Home\\_Address\\_for\\_City\\_of\\_Olympia\\_Planning\\_Commission\\_A](#)

Upload a Resume

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Applications are accepted for the calendar year only. The Olympia City Council's General Government Committee recommends appointments to the full Council. Recommendations are made following review of applications and an interview of qualified candidates.

For further information, contact Susan Grisham, Executive Assistant, 360.753.8244, [sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us)

When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

**The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources.**

## **10. Why do you think Olympia's historic places are important?**

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By preserving historic structures we can both visually and tangibly participate in the conservation of our city's cultural identity, as well as connect our city's past with the development of tomorrow.

## **11. What is your experience working with the history or preservation of built/cultural heritage?**

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I have a great appreciation for the preservation and promotion of historic architecture coming from my time in my hometown of Buffalo, New York. Buffalo as a "Rust Belt City" has a vibrant and passionately exciting preservationist movement to help preserve some of the most dazzling displays of Art Deco architecture in the world, as well as to preserve and promote it's fantastic collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, Frederick Law Olmstead Park Systems and historic grain mills. In Buffalo New York I participated in preservation efforts at Central Terminal, and Silo City, as well as trained to be a docent for the Buffalo Historical Society. Additionally, I have a bachelors degree in history from the University of Buffalo, in NY.

## **10. In your own words, what is the role of an Olympia Planning Commissioner?**

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An Olympia Planning Commissioner acts in an advisory role to make zoning recommendations to the city council. Zoning recommendations including recommendations for establishing regulations for the use of land within city limits and recommendations for standards of development within identified zoning regions. The role of an Olympia Planning Commissioner is to represent community stakeholders, with the primary stake holder being one's fellow citizens in Olympia.

## **11. What interests you most about community planning?**

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Having the right planning recommendations can help a city promote fiscally responsible growth, improve economic development and quality of life in a city. In my experience providing technical assistance to cities across Washington State regarding the zoning of Opioid Treatment Programs, as well as in hosting public hearings for the formal citing of Opioid Treatment programs I have also seen the negative repercussions that come when a community does not feel that they have a meaningful voice as a stakeholder in planned development. I would want to use my professional experiences to help facilitate the planning commission's goal to continue providing our community with a forum for reaching consensus with regards to city planning.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**12. What skills would you bring to the work of the Planning Commission and what do you hope to learn?**

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My experiences in both health care and as a public health professional provide me with a lens on the importance of community health and safety in a city's planning process. I also have a great comfort with regulations, as I have extensive experience in the interpretation and creation of both WAC and RCW from my professional experience with the Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery. I have been in professional roles as both a regulator for the State of Washington, as well as in policy development for the State of Washington. Additionally, I have experience in hosting public hearings for the State of Washington regarding the citing of opioid treatment programs in communities across Washington and in providing technical assistance to cities in Washington regarding the zoning of opioid treatment programs. Please review my resume for a more extensive discussion of my professional skills and qualifications. I would hope to learn more about the internationality between the preservation of historical buildings and new developments.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**13. Have you ever taken a Short Course in Local Planning, read an OPC packet or attended a meeting?**

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I have not taken a course on local planning, or read an OPC packet. I also have not attended a planning meeting at this time, although I have reviewed meeting minutes and other public records noted for the Planning Commission. If I am selected for this opportunity I am committed to learning more about the the topic of local planning. I consider myself an enthusiastic learner and am strongly open to feedback and the extra time it may take to learn more about the City of Olympia's historical and existing planning commission materials.

Question applies to Planning Commission

**14. What is your knowledge of the City's Comprehensive Plan and how it relates to planning?**

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The City of Olympia's Comprehensive plan describes the city's long-term vision and goals for where our community should go. It takes into account the community's health safety, the creation of a sustainable and thriving economy, how the city impacts the region's environment, as well as creating safe and welcoming places to live in both residential neighborhoods and in downtown and/or commercial districts.

Education:	<b>Masters: M.S. Mental Health Counseling</b>	May 2011
	<u>University at Buffalo</u> , Amherst, NY	
	Specialization: Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment	
	<b>Masters: Ed. M School Counseling</b>	May 2009
	<u>University at Buffalo</u> , Amherst, NY	
	Specialization: Emotional and Behavioral Disorders/School Based	
Interventions		
	<b>Bachelor of Arts: Psychology/History</b>	May 2008
	<u>University at Buffalo</u> , Amherst, NY	

Blose, Jessica K

**Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery**

March 2017 to January 2018

Behavioral Health Licensing and Certification Policy Manager

- Manage all aspects of DBHR's federally recognized Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) accreditation body and conduct onsite-surveys to determine OTP compliance with state and federal rules.
- Serve as the contract monitor for two medical peer reviewers for OTP accreditation.
- Review and determine whether to approve or deny OTP substance use disorder agency applications for certification and OTP accreditation.
- Conduct OTP public hearings for pending new OTP agency applications
- Coordinate and develop outcomes based, on-site OTP technical assistance survey process with focus on quality initiatives, outcomes, program strengths, use of outcomes and clinical quality improvement.
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- Serve as DBHR's liaison, participate on and assist other state agencies to develop policies and procedures and rules relating to OTP.
- Provide consultation and training to state, county, tribal, behavioral health agencies and health care providers regarding federal and state substance use disorder, OTP and medication assisted therapy regulations, policies and guidelines and city zoning laws and code regulations around OTP.
- Support rule making and draft WAC and RCW regulating treatment providers who offer Medication Assisted Therapy. Collaborate with other division teams in the development of integrated behavioral health regulations and services.

**Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery**

February 2016 to March 2017

Mental Health Program Administrator for Mental Health Licensing

- Experience representing Washington State as a regulatory body as a Mental Health Program Administrator for Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery.
- Conducting on-site surveys of mental health treatment providers to evaluate compliance with applicable state and federal regulations, and quality of patient care and program effectiveness.
- Providing consultation, technical assistance and training to new or existing mental health treatment directors, county coordinators, division and other state inter-agency agency staff.
- Developing, analyzing and implementing statewide policy and procedures, and WACs and RCWs regulating mental health treatment providers, as well as assessing staff qualifications within treatment agencies.
- Successful experience working with current DBHR Substance Use



Disorder Certification Specialists on regulatory on-site surveys and providing technical assistance for behavioral health agencies with licensing and certification or both mental health and substance use disorder services.

**Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery**

March 2015 to February 2016

*Certification Specialist for Chemical Dependency Certification*

Experience representing Washington State as a regulatory body as a Certification Specialist for Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery.

- Conducting on-site surveys of substance use disorder treatment providers to evaluate compliance with applicable state and federal regulations, and quality of patient care and program effectiveness.
- Providing consultation, technical assistance and training to new or existing chemical dependency treatment directors, county coordinators, chemical dependency and behavioral health staff and division and other state agency staff.
- Developing, analyzing and implementing statewide policy and procedures, and WACs and RCWs regulating chemical dependency and mental health treatment providers, as well as assessing staff qualifications within treatment agencies.
- Successful experience working with OTP Program Administrators on regulatory on-site surveys and providing technical assistance for behavioral health agencies with licensing and certification or both mental health and substance use disorder services.

**Northpointe Council, Inc. Trott location**

August 2012 to September 2014

Outpatient Chemical Dependency Counseling

- The following job duties were performed in a New York State OBOT program within an OTP which provided clients with substance use disorder, mental health and primary care, as well as multiple types of MAT including Buprenorphine, Methadone, in addition to other harm reduction medications in Naloxone.
- Provide individual, group and family counseling and maintain documentation for outpatient treatment of substance use disorder clients on personal caseload, as well as only counselor to provide treatment and subsequent documentation for US Federal Probation clients and minors.
- Only counselor to provide individual, group and family counseling and maintain documentation for outpatient treatment of clients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder diagnosis.
- Provide weekly supervision for coworkers regarding outpatient treatment and documentation of clients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder diagnosis.
- Participated in quality assurance auditing of clinical documentation onsite.

