

The list below includes applicants who have applied for vacant Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council (BHPAC) seats through the Governor's Office.







Applicant 1

Basic Information

Prefix Mrs.	
First Name Claudia	
Middle Name Lizbeth	
Last Name Ortiz Cruz	
Preferred Name Claudia	
Name of Board or Commission Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council	
Why do you want to serve on this board or commission? To offer insight and work with others in the field, collectively coming up with solutions, to better serve the mentally ill population here in Nevada. I have over 7 years of experience in the behavior health field, providing counseling services, psychotherapy, biopsychosocial assessments, medication management, etc., amongst the severely mentally ill population.	
Which seat are you applying to? Please be specific. Representative of chronically mentally ill individuals who are receiving (or have received) mental health services	
Please describe your qualifications for the seat you are applying to. I have a Bachelors degree of Social Work, I have a Masters of Social Work, and I am also a Licensed Social Worker in the state of Nevada.	
Please provide a brief summary/listing of your experience, education and achievements. It is helpful if you highlight any experience that is relevant to the board or commission for which you are applying. I have over 7 years of experience working in the behavioral health sector, providing RMH services to those who are suffering from chronic mental health issues. I am licensed and able to perform biopsychosocial assessments, diagnose for mental illness, cognitive behavioral therapy, psychotherapy, etc. I am bilingual (English and Spanish) so, I am able to work with those who have a hispanic background.	







Applicant 2

Basic Information

Prefix Mrs.	
First Name Tina	
Middle Name Marie	
Last Name Hardin-Howard	
Name of Board or Commission Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council	
Why do you want to serve on this board or commission? To assist with providing Knowledge and awareness to the board of current events within this population thats happening in the community.	
Which seat are you applying to? Please be specific. Representatives of chronically mentally ill individuals	
Please describe your qualifications for the seat you are applying to. I have worked with the homeless populaitons since 2015. I currently work as a therapist in a behavioal health agency where the majority of our clients are mentally ill and homeless adults.	
Please provide a brief summary/listing of your experience, education and achievements. It is helpful if you highlight any experience that is relevant to the board or commission for which you are applying. I have graduated with a Master of Science degree in counseling and a Bachlors of Sience degree in Social Service. I am currently licensed as a Mental health therapist. I have worked in the community since 2015 at various agency working with the homeless individuals. I've worked with homeless Veteran for 5 years and I currently work with homeless mentally ill Adults at various levels. I currently am a member of a Fraternity where are focus is giving back to the community and community service.	







Applicant 3

Basic Information

Prefix Mr.	
First Name Franklyn	
Middle Name Lee	
Last Name Morris	
Name of Board or Commission Behavior Health Planning and Advisory Council	
Why do you want to serve on this board or commission? I am a licensed social worker and I feel that I have the experience, cultural competence, and education to provide valuable insight to this board.	
Which seat are you applying to? Please be specific. Behavior Health Planning and Advisory Council (Representative of chronically mentally ill individuals who are receiving (or have received) mental health services	
Please describe your qualifications for the seat you are applying to. Bachelors of Social Work Masters of Social Work Licensed Social Worker (LMSW,CSWI) 13+ years of experience in Behavioral/Mental Health field	
Please provide a brief summary/listing of your experience, education and achievements. It is helpful if you highlight any experience that is relevant to the board or commission for which you are applying. I have worked in the field of social work for over 13 years with the severely mentally ill population (SMI). I specialize in biopsychosocial assessments, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, etc. I have achieved a Bachelor Degree of Social Work and I have also acheived a Masters of Social Work Degree. I am licensed in the State of Nevada as a Social Worker.	





Applicant 4

Basic Information

Prefix Ms.	
First Name Sonya	
Middle Name NOT ANSWERED	
Last Name Sallee-Hart	
Name of Board or Commission Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council	
Why do you want to serve on this board or commission? Serving on this board would provide me with the opportunity to invest in my community while deepening my understanding for the need of behavioral health housing and development.	
Which seat are you applying to? Please be specific. A representative of mental health services for children and adolescents	
Please describe your qualifications for the seat you are applying to. I am currently a school counselor with CCSD working closely with students in aged of 14-19 to provide services that supports their growth in academic, career and social/emotional development	
Please provide a brief summary/listing of your experience, education and achievements. It is helpful if you highlight any experience that is relevant to the board or commission for which you are applying. I am a dedicated school counselor committed to helping students become productive citizens. By guiding them to form healthy goals, mindsets and behaviors I support their academic, career and social emotional development. I hold BA in Human Development and an MS in Counseling/School Counseling.	

Applicant 5

Basic Information

Prefix Ms.	
First Name Amy	
Middle Name Ann	
Last Name Jack	
Name of Board or Commission Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council	
<p>Why do you want to serve on this board or commission?</p> <p>As an adult female and single mother that never qualified for any type of assistance, it is important to me that all states are in the business of fair and equitable offerings for all income levels regardless of insurance coverages and that those offerings are broad in choice. Mental health recovery journeys ARE NOT one size fits all whether it's substance abuse related, serious mental illness, or other mental health conditions that stand in our way of living our lives, finding the right fit for our lives is challenging especially when healing and maintenance is not cookie cutter.</p>	
<p>Which seat are you applying to? Please be specific.</p> <p>A representative of mental health services for adults</p>	
<p>Please describe your qualifications for the seat you are applying to.</p> <p>I am an adult that receives mental health services and also works with adults as a Certified Peer Specialist, that need or want mental health services here at the VA in Las Vegas. I am now a Supervisory Peer Specialist, providing oversight of the day to day operations of a peer team once over 20 peers that work as part of interdisciplinary treatment teams at the VA Southern Nevada helping Veterans move toward mental health recovery, provide administrative and clinical supervision to peers. I have sat on many local NAMI panels, UNLV education panels, instrumental in the training of new staff/residents at VA on the Recovery Model of care, and have my own personal lived experience with mental health.</p>	
<p>Please provide a brief summary/listing of your experience, education and achievements. It is helpful if you highlight any experience that is relevant to the board or commission for which you are applying.</p> <p>During active service in the Navy I began advocating for sexual assault victims after experiencing numerous personal assaults without support/guidance, was awarded Victim Advocate of the Year for Navy Region Southwest. Though my formal education is largely in very hands on nursing type medical care from military service, allowing me to hold and keep current several licenses from medical assisting to Certified Pharmacy Technician, and my degree has focus in Healthcare Administration, my personal lived experiences have allowed me to soar into my greatest achievements in the mental health field as a Certified Peer Specialist. I was awarded Peer of the Year for VA Southern Nevada and VISN 21 for my work in the local community partnering to build alliances between VA and local community partners for expanding services to Veterans and their families. More recently I was awarded Supervisor of the Quarter. I am continuously seeking out additional education in the field of peer support and mental health, looking for ways to be a leader in expanding mental health services to more as I also have family and friends that don't receive VA services and have a hard time gaining what they need in the local community. I often find myself as the "voice of those NOT receiving services." I am an advocate with lived experience, education, insight, foresight, and motivation to improve policy for Nevada residents.</p>	

Applicant 6

Basic Information

Prefix Dr.	Req
First Name Rachel	Req
Middle Name M	
Last Name Cornelius	Req
Name of Board or Commission Rachel Cornelius	Req
Why do you want to serve on this board or commission? I currently work as a pediatric psychologist in Northern NV. I have worked in pediatric behavioral health for almost twenty years across three states (PA, CO and now NV). The lack of services that we have available to the pediatric population in this state is significant, and I would like to work to attempt to correct this issue.	
Which seat are you applying to? Please be specific. NRS 433.429 Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council - A representative of mental health services for children and adolescents	Req
Please describe your qualifications for the seat you are applying to. I am a licensed psychologist specializing in pediatrics. My experience working in other states provides me with familiarity to resources and services that are not currently available in NV. Additionally, I have experience in program development.	Req
Please provide a brief summary/listing of your experience, education and achievements. It is helpful if you highlight any experience that is relevant to the board or commission for which you are applying. I previously held my MSW/LSW in the state of PA and assisted with developing programs in Western PA. I went on to obtain my PsyD, previously working as a licensed psychologist in CO and now in NV. I regularly interact with the child and adolescent population of Northern NV and have a vested interest in enhancing access to care across the region.	