Spokane County Community Services

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD

Job Description

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS DESCRIPTION

The Substance Abuse Board is an advisory body of the Community Services Department, appointed by the Spokane County Board of Commissioners. The members are citizen volunteers whose role and responsibility is to advocate for consumers of substance abuse services and to advise the Community Services Department and Spokane County Commissioners on matters relating to the development, delivery, improvement, and funding of substance-related services within Spokane County. Members must be prepared to represent citizens and consumers of the county in their opinions, recommendations, and advice.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Residence status within Spokane County.
- Have no interest in or participate in the business of an agency contracting with or submitting proposals to the Spokane County Community Services Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Department.
- A willingness to learn and gain knowledge of drug/alcohol prevention and treatment as well as understanding of the disease concept regarding substances.
- Commitment to the philosophy of providing a quality system of services for residents and their families of Spokane County who suffer from the consequences of substance abuse or addiction and their families and who are low income, indigent, or specialized populations. The advisory board is committed to preserve the dignity of the consumer, to recognize diversity, and to ensure that services are provided for treatment and prevention of the disease without discrimination, prejudice, or moral judgment.
- Positively represents the Spokane County Substance Abuse Advisory Board, maintaining the trust the Board of County Commissioners has placed in each member.
- Demonstrates honest and ethical behaviors.
- Commitment to attendance and participation in Substance Abuse Advisory Board activities including assisting new board members with orientation and mentoring.

MINIMUM TIME REQUIREMENTS

(Average of 2-4 hours per month)

- Attendance at 10 Substance Abuse Advisory Board meetings held throughout the year on the fourth Monday of the month. There could be special functions such as funding events/trainings that require additional time commitments.

- Mandatory attendance at funding sessions/system of care selection.

- Willingness to attend agency contract monitoring, as able.

- Willingness to serve on subcommittees/ad hoc committees, as able.

Appointments are made for a 3-year term by the Spokane County Board of Commissioners.

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