

Application Overview:

If you are interested in applying for membership on the Regional Opioid Task Force, please complete the application below. If you have any questions related to the Task Force or the application process, please email administrative.services@clarkcountynv.gov.

(Note: This document and accompanying materials become public record once it is received by Clark County.)

Please select the position you are apply for: Behavioral Health

Full name (First, Middle Initial, Last): Lisa P Kelso

Home Street Address: 1434 Bronco Road

Home Address City/State/Zip Code: Boulder City, NV 89005

Mailing Address: 1434 Bronco Road

Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code: Boulder City, NV 89005

Employer: City of Henderson

Occupation: Licensed Mental Health Clinician, Clinical Supervisor

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Best Daytime Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Relevant Affiliations: Please list below any other committees you are currently serving on. Please list, if applicable, the jurisdiction and term of appointment. If you were appointed by an individual and not by a local jurisdiction, please include that information. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.


NA

Skills and Experience: Please provide a brief description of your qualifications for the seat; include any special skills, interests, experience, or training which you possess or have completed that would benefit the work of the Regional Opioid Task Force. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

I am a dually licensed clinician (Marriage Family Therapist and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor), with over 20 years of clinical work with juveniles struggling with mental health and substance misuse issues within the field of Juvenile Justice. I have supervised interns seeking licensure within the field, as well as teach college level courses. I currently work as a clinical supervisor for the City of Henderson's Mobile Crisis Intervention Team, who responds to behavioral health crises in the community, specifically those suffering from the impact of opioids. Through partnership with HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area), we are gathering data on overdoses and Narcan administration to strategize outreach, prevention, harm reduction and intervention efforts. I participate in summits, conferences, workshops and trainings to expand my knowledge of the opioid epidemic and share that information with community stakeholders in our joint efforts to combat the epidemic.

A resume and letter of interest is REQUIRED. Please attach it to this application.

I certify that the information provided in this application and supporting documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



Signature

10/11/2023

Date

Lisa P. Kelso

Printed Name

You may submit this application and supporting documentation via:

Hand Deliver or Mail Application to:

Clark County
500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89155
Attn: Administrative Services
Lobby Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Email Scanned Copy to:

administrative.services@clarkcountynv.gov

Education **Master of Science** Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy GPA: 3.74
University of Nevada, Las Vegas – 12/15/2001
Bachelor of Arts Major: Criminal Justice Minor: Psychology GPA: 3.72, Cum Laude
University of Nevada, Las Vegas – 05/16/1998

**Licenses/
Certifications** Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
#0978
Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor
#01143-L

**Work
Experience** **City of Henderson, Community Resource and Resiliency Center** 3/23 - present

- *Supervisor* - Manages the operations of the Community Resource and Resiliency Center (CRRC), which provides navigation services, support, assistance, resources, and information to the community's at-risk and vulnerable population while assisting them in achieving wellness (mental, physical, and emotional), recovery, and resiliency. Develops and oversees the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT), a deflection program dispatching clinicians to behavioral health crises. Supervises staff assigned to the CRRC and MCIT, including case managers, clinicians, interns and support staff. Provides clinical supervision to licensed clinicians, and interns working to obtain licensure. Conducts clinical case reviews to evaluate appropriateness of clinical services provided. Completes case management duties as needed, as well as crisis intervention including clinical assessments. Performs administrative and grant duties, including data collection, monthly statistical reports, project presentations, and project management. Maintains relationships with community providers and stakeholders. Trains city staff on a variety of mental health related topics.

College of Southern Nevada 2016 – present

- *Part Time Faculty* – Teaching undergraduate courses in the Psychology Department. Responsibilities include developing a lesson plan, along with methods that would best test the students' knowledge and grasp of the material.

University of Phoenix 2013 – 2016

- *Part Time Faculty* – Teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses in the Marriage and Family Therapy Department, including facilitating internship classes and preparing students for practicum classes and licensing exams and interviews. Teaching undergraduate courses in the Human Services Department, including those students wanting to pursue degrees in either Social Work or Marriage and Family Therapy.

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services, Clinical Services Unit 12/08 - 3/23
40 hrs a week

- *Youth & Adult Intervention Senior/Supervisor* - Supervising a team of clinicians in juvenile detention who are responsible for assessing and monitoring all youth with mental health concerns in the facility. Overseeing the initial assessment of these youth, and the subsequent placement on suicide watch if necessary while detained. Conducting daily staffings to monitor all youth on suicide watch within the facility, and making changes to their level of supervision as appropriate. Ensuring that all youth with mental health needs are receiving the appropriate services, coordinating with our nursing department when psychiatric and medication issues are present. Arranging for outside providers to evaluate youth when ordered by the court. Scheduling these evaluations with the providers, the family, and detention or probation staff. Ensuring that the youth is transported to the appointment, that the family is in attendance, and that the report is returned by the court date. Managing the Unit's budget in regards to these evaluations, and approving payment for evaluations. Being responsible for balancing the budget in reference to the different evaluations that are requested by the court, and prioritizing the evaluations and funds. Maintaining relationships with community agencies and providers who can provide the

evaluations requested by the court. Being a member of the Residential Treatment Center (RTC) Placement Team, which is responsible for reviewing all cases where a youth is being recommended for placement in an RTC. With the entire team, determining if the placement is clinically appropriate at the current time, based on their past treatment history, their current diagnosis, and their current mental status. If placement is appropriate, determining which facility would best meet the needs of the child. If placement is not appropriate, determining what treatment level is clinically appropriate at the current time. Completing site reviews of all placements utilized by the Department, ensuring the facilities meet all requirements. Conducting emergency visits to sites as necessary when problems arise with placements. Completing clinical evaluations on youth for the purpose of recommending to the court the current clinical needs of the youth. Utilizing various psychometric tools and clinical interviews for drug and alcohol treatment needs, as well as general mental health concerns. Utilizing both the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders to provide the appropriate diagnosis, as well as the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria for appropriate diagnosing and treatment recommendations. Determining the appropriate treatment referrals and providing that referral information to the youth and their families. Completing risk assessments for violence potential and risk to the community on youth for the court, including evaluations specific to gun charges. Acting as the court representative for the Unit, speaking and answering questions regarding various cases in court when necessary. Supervising clinicians on the unit, as well as interns, part-time employees, and support staff, including completing one to one meetings, yearly evaluations, and keeping employees on course with yearly goals and assignments. Sitting in on interviews to fill various positions within the Clinical offices of the County, as well as reviewing applications to determine eligibility. Assigning cases to staff members, and reviewing court reports. Overseeing groups that are run by supervisees, including reviewing curriculum and policies and procedures. Establishing and conducting trainings in a variety of settings, including weekly trainings to new interns to the Clinical Services Unit, and monthly trainings to Probation on a variety of topics. Being available to Probation Officers for case consultations, questions, concerns, and being a general point of contact. Teaching new Probation Officers a variety of classes during the Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy. Conducting New Employee Orientation for the Department. Facilitating trainings in the community on the services and role of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Running the internal Training Committee to ensure all employees are receiving their required yearly trainings, and coordinating to bring speakers into the Department to provide trainings on desired topics. Handling the budget for the Training Committee to make sure that all employees are staying within their allotted allowance, and that outside trainings fall within budgetary constraints. Attending Court weekly to cover the entire Mental Health calendar, briefing the Judge and Court personnel on the status of the youth's mental health, counseling, and placement options. Coordinating and acting in a liaison capacity for youth who are dually involved with the Department of Family Services and the Department of Juvenile Justice Services. Attending staffings on these youth with all parties to ensure both Departments are aware of the potential course of the case.

Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services, Psychology Department 8/02 – 12/08
40 hrs a week

- *Child & Family Intervention Specialist I/II* – Developed and implemented the new Substance Abuse Assessment and Referral Program (SAARP). Assessed youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System utilizing psychometric tools and clinical interviews for court ordered evaluations. Utilized the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, as well as the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria for appropriate diagnosing and treatment recommendations. Determined the appropriate treatment referrals and provided the referral information to the youth and their families. Being aware of community agencies that could be of benefit to clients and contacting these agencies to ensure follow through of clients. Worked with the treatment agencies and the families to choose the most appropriate agency based on need, financial situation, and transportation. Completed court reports containing the information discovered through the assessment, and the recommendations made. Communicated treatment recommendations with representatives from the court and probation. Tracked the statistics of clients assessed, referrals made, the success of follow through with treatment recommendations, and recidivism rates. Presented statistical data to the appropriate audiences, providing graphs and charts to display the data. Completed risk assessments for violence potential and risk to the community on youth for the court, including evaluations specific to gun charges. Provided individual and family counseling to families involved in the court system, conducting co-therapy with interns, and clinically supervising them throughout the course of treatment. Provided crisis counseling and suicide risk assessments to youth both in detention and on probation to determine if the youth is a danger to him or herself. Worked with hospitals and treatment facilities to ascertain if the youth needs to be placed in such a setting, and collaborating with staff and the family to expedite the placement. Arranging for transportation of said youth to and from the facilities as needed.

Clark County Family and Youth Services, Psychology Department

6/01 – 8/02
20 hrs a week

- *Adolescent Counselor* – Conducted detailed interviews and a variety of assessments on youth in detention, on probation or parole, and their families. Wrote court reports based on assessment results, and made recommendations for treatment for the youth and their family. Provided on-going counseling for the youth in detention, Spring Mountain Youth Camp, and the Spring Mountain Halfway House. Completed suicide risk assessments on youth in detention, booking, and Spring Mountain Youth Camp, and provided crisis counseling as needed. Aided in the development, implementation, and tracking of the results of the Substance Abuse Assessment and Referral Program (SAARP). Tracked and analyzed the statistical data of the program. Co-facilitated and developed the curricula for the Chemical Awareness Program offered through the SAARP program for youth and their families.

Family Project, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

6/01 - 6/02
20 hrs a week

- *Intern Therapist* – Underwent year long training in the functional family therapy model, and counseled families of youth referred by the court using the model. Worked with families over approximately a three month period, assisting them with the problems and concerns they were facing. Participated as part of a training team observing colleagues counseling sessions and offering advice and feedback for the session. Conducted intakes with families utilizing various assessment techniques. Scored all tests and entered them into the computerized database, keeping all files updated. Participated in weekly staffing and supervision for consultation with colleagues.

Center for Individual, Couple, and Family Counseling

1/00 - 6/01
20 hrs a week

- *Student Counselor* – Counseled families, couples, adults and children, both with a co-therapist and alone, faced with a variety of concerns, including but not limited to divorce and remarriage, communication, life cycle transitions, anger, domestic violence and family problems. Co-facilitated an anger management group of adolescent boys referred by their school for anger problems. Conducted group screenings and initial intake interviews for the Center.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

1/99 - 6/01
20 hrs a week

- *Research Assistant, Department of Counseling* – Aided professors in literature reviews, conducted research and gathered information for current research topics and publications. Utilized resources available through the library system to track down all pertinent information. Worked with web-site creators to develop a new web site for the department. Helped prepare a poster presentation and article for an annual psychology convention, as well as had an article published in “The Individual Differences Research Journal.”
- *Career Counselor, Career Services* – Provided counseling to students in areas such as choosing a major, preparing a resume, applying for jobs, and career searches. Updated files of rates of employment by students using Microsoft Access and Microsoft Excel. Conducted orientations on the computerized database used by the University, and presentations on career services in various settings, from college campuses to prisons.

Target

6/93 – 10/02
20 hrs a week

- *Team Relations Assistant* – Created the computerized schedule using the SHARP database for approximately 175 employees throughout the various departments within the store. Assisted in the hiring of new team members, conducting interviews and gathering background information; verifying payroll; and helped prepare a new Greatland Target for Grand Opening.

Facilitation Peace Officer Standards and Training Classes – Mental Health 101, Stress Management, Dealing with
Of Trainings/ Hostile Youth, Shield of Care (Suicide Prevention), Childhood and Adolescent Development, Trauma
Speaking Informed Care
Engagements New Employee Orientation
 Weekly Clinical Services Internship Trainings
 Monthly Probation Center Consultations/Trainings
 Guest Speaker on Mental Health and Juvenile Justice for UNLV courses
 Clark County School District Presentation for an Overview of DJJS
 Panelist for Preventing Underage Drinking Town Hall Meeting

Committees/ Clark County Management Academy
Memberships Joint Leadership Program with the Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Family Services, and
 Social Services
 Residential Treatment Center Placement Team
 Fast Track Leadership Development Program
 Mental Health Demonstration Project
 Dually Involved Youth Taskforce
 Use of Force Committee
 American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
 Incentive Time Off Selection Committee
 Psychological Services Strategic Planning Committee
 Project SOAR
 JDAI Self Inspection Work Group
 Extraordinary Employee Performance Award Selection Committee
 Best Coalition
 Substance Abuse Coalition
 Student Essay Judging Committee for Clark County School District

Past Trauma Intervention Program Volunteer
Volunteer Omega Alpha chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, UNLV, President and Charter Member
Experience Graduate Student Association Representative
 Henderson Police Department Intern
 Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Volunteer
 St. Andrews Catholic Church Youth Group Counselor
 UNLV Substance Abuse Peer Educator
 UNLV Student Disability Resource Center Notetaker

Computer Experience with the following office programs: Family Tracs, Caseload Pro, Odyssey,
Skills Microsoft Office Outlook,
 Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel,
 Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Teams.

Experience with the following psychometric testing programs: POSIT, ACIDI, DVI, MACI,

Experience with computerized filing systems and computerized scheduling systems.



October 11, 2023

Clark County
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Re: Regional Opioid Task Force Appointment

Honorable Board of Clark County Commissioners:

I want to take this opportunity to express my interest in serving on the Regional Opioid Task Force (Task Force) created by Assembly Bill 132 of the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session. I believe my education, background, and training, as well as my current role as a clinical supervisor for the City of Henderson (City), align and complement the work and goals of the Task Force.

I am a dually licensed clinician, being both a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT). For just over 20 years I worked in a clinical capacity for the Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS). In that role, I worked with juveniles struggling with both mental health and substance misuse issues. Throughout my career at DJJS I also supervised interns seeking licensure in the field of both Marriage and Family Therapy, and Alcohol and Drug Counseling. Additionally, I have been teaching courses in this field at local colleges and universities for the past 10 years. These roles have granted me the advantage of being involved in both direct clinical practice, as well as training future generations of behavioral health professionals.

The City of Henderson applied for and was awarded a COSSUP (Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program) grant to establish a Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT). Henderson’s MCIT is collaborating with the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) team to gather fatal and non-fatal overdose data, as well as data on the administration of Narcan by first responders. This information will assist in developing strategies for outreach, prevention, harm reduction and intervention. I was selected to supervise, design, and implement this new program focused on serving individuals in our community suffering behavioral health crises with a focus on those suffering from the impact of opioids.

The City is committed to improving our community’s health and well-being including preventing and responding to the opioid crisis. The City debuted the [Risk It All with Fentanyl awareness campaign](#) and accompanying community toolkit last May via a regional summit. Henderson City Council approved the use of opioid settlement funds targeting youth prevention activities and approved licensed mental health professionals. The City has supported my participation in summits, conferences, workshops, and trainings to expand my knowledge of the opioid epidemic so that I could share that information with staff and community stakeholders.

I appreciate your consideration of my application and nomination by Mayor Michelle Romero for appointment to this Task Force. I look forward to serving the community of Clark County.

HENDERSON

Thank you,



Lisa Kelso



October 11, 2023

Clark County
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89106
Attn: Opioid Task Force

Re: Regional Opioid Task Force Appointment

Honorable Board of Clark County Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Henderson, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Lisa Kelso's appointment to the Regional Opioid Task Force created by AB 132, which became law in June of this year.

Recognizing the opioid public health emergency, the City of Henderson (City), has taken several steps to educate, prevent and respond to the opioid crisis.

First, the City debuted the [Risk It All with Fentanyl awareness campaign](#) and accompanying community toolkit last May via a regional summit and speaker event led largely by the City's Community Development and Services Department and in collaboration with various public safety officials and local leadership. The campaign serves to raise awareness about the dangers of fentanyl and proliferation of counterfeit pills being laced and often marketed to our youth.

The Risk It All with Fentanyl Summit was so well received, Henderson City Council approved the use of opioid settlement funds targeting youth prevention activities. The campaign will ramp up again in FY23/24 and continue into the following fiscal year.

Lastly, the City applied for and was awarded a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grant. This grant allowed for the creation and establishment of a Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) to respond to individuals in our community suffering a behavioral health crisis, including an opioid crisis.

Lisa Kelso was selected to lead the new MCIT team based on her extensive experience in the field of behavioral health within our community. She worked for more than 20 years for Clark County Department of Juvenile Justice Services addressing the behavioral health needs of youth receiving intervention from the Department and Clark County courts. During her tenure, Lisa participated in numerous multidisciplinary teams and fostered positive relationships with community stakeholders and service providers; these relationships will be invaluable in meeting the objectives of the task force.

I believe Lisa Kelso will be a great addition to the Regional Opioid Task Force and strongly urge you to appoint her as a member of this important panel.



Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Romero". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Romero
Mayor