

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: Clark County School District

Full name (First, Middle Initial, Last): Stephanie A. Abeyta _____

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Mailing Address: 9883 Bangalore Court _____

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Employer: CCSD IMPACT Team, Invo Healthcare and Progressus Therapy _____

Occupation: Substance Abuse Counselor _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Best Daytime Contact Phone: _____

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.

N/A

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.

Please See Attached Letter of Interest



Resume



Letter of Interest

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.

Stephanie A. Abeyta

Stephanie A. Abeyta (Oct 11, 2023 13:50 PDT)

Signature

Stephanie A. Abeyta

Printed Name

Oct 11, 2023

Date

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 89106
Attn: Opioid Task Force
Lobby Hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Email Scanned Copy to:

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Licensure

Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC)

Nevada State Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Counselors
License #07277

Education

Arizona State University Tempe, AZ

August 2012 – May 2016

Bachelor of Science in Family & Human Development
Double-Minor in Psychology & Sociology

Durango High School Las Vegas, NV

August 2007 – May 2011

Honors Diploma

Experience

Substance Abuse Counselor

CCSD IMPACT Team, Invo Healthcare Progressus Therapy

October 2022 – Present

Las Vegas, NV

- Supports children and young adults exposed to adverse childhood trauma and/or experiences (ACEs) that are at risk in developing substance use disorders (SUD).
- Conducts Biopsychosocial Assessment to determine student's severity level of addiction and illicit substance exposure.
- Collaborates with Mental Health Professional (QMHP) in identifying student's co-occurring mental health concerns.
- Collaborates with Behavior Analyst (BCBA) in identifying student's addictive behaviors.
- Collaborates with families along with school faculty and staff ensuring youths support and success.
- Completes weekly sessions with students utilizing early intervention SUD education therapy, coinciding with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)/Trauma-Focused CBT.
- Supports student and school staff in crisis management and de-escalation

Addiction Therapist, Supervisor

Behavioral Health Group

December 2021 – October 2022

Las Vegas, NV

- Maintains a caseload of 60+ individual active patients.
- Supervises a team of counselors each with their own caseload of 90-100+ active patients.
- Ensures the efficiency of daily treatment center operations.
- Implemented BHG policies & procedures ensuring key performances.
- Maintains effective care-coordination with medical team members, corporate team members, Federal and State agencies, Nevada Parole and Probation, patients, and families.

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- Oversees all personnel issues within the treatment center, including hiring new team members & evaluating current team members.
- Ensures compliance with all federal and state governing authorities including -but not limited to-: CARF, CSAT, and SAPTA audits.
- Responsible for screening and staffing high-risk patients for approval prior to admission of the program.
- Created/organized and facilitates new Group Therapy program within the clinic.

Alcohol and Drug Counselor Internship (CADC-I)

Center for Behavioral Health

July 2019 – December 2021

Las Vegas, NV

- Maintains a caseload of 90-120+ individual active patients suffering from opioid dependency +other illicit substances.
- Administers intake Biopsychosocial Assessments while formulating individualized treatment plans utilizing core ASAM dimensions.
- Conducts individual and group therapy sessions under direct supervision by Clinical Supervisor.
- Advocates for patients to receive the necessities they require to better their recovery and refer them to the proper resources as needed.
- Collaborates with nurses, physicians, co-occurring counselors, & additional community partners to develop the patient’s treatment plans based on ongoing Biopsychosocial Assessments and Annual Assessments.
- Educates patients on their own treatment process, diagnosis, and resources available to them.
- Facilitates treatment including ongoing education on addiction, helping patients implement relapse prevention strategies, and assist with developing necessary life skills.

Certifications & Competencies

- Substance Abuse Confidentiality Regulations
- HIPPA: Privacy and Security of Electronic Health Information
- Substance Abuse Counselor Ethics, Confidentiality, & Boundaries
- Promoting Emotional Health & Suicide Prevention
- Medication Management Software Technologies

Clinical Strengths & Abilities

- Fast-Paced Clinical Setting Experience
- Success Driven with Demonstrated Results
- Group Counseling Facilitator
- Honorable Leadership Competencies
- Interpersonal Communication Skills
- Thorough Electronic Health Record Keeping
- Excellent Business & Analytical Abilities
- High Integrity & Sound Judgement
- Financial Tracking/Revenue Management
- Client Services Oriented
- Social Perceptiveness
- Critical Thinking & Decision Making

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Las Vegas, NV 89155

RE: Clark County Regional Opioid Task Force

This letter of interest is to accompany my application for the Clark County Regional Opioid Task Force here in Las Vegas, Nevada. With 5+ years of working wholeheartedly as an independently licensed Substance Abuse Counselor through the Nevada State Board of Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Counselors, I am confident in my ability to contribute my extensive addiction therapy knowledge to increasing awareness and decreasing opioid fatality rates.

My experience stems from personal dedication to Addiction Medicine programs here in Las Vegas, where I would provide intervention therapy to hundreds of patients, along with their families, that were suffering from severe opioid dependency -along with numerous additional illicit substances- tied with co-occurring unaddressed mental health concerns and adverse childhood traumas. I was privileged to work alongside North Las Vegas Police Department, Nevada Parole and Probation, Child Protective Services, Southern Nevada Health District, We would collaborate care tirelessly and shared the same goal of guiding our client towards a better path. I would pride myself on my ability to make each of my patients feel individually supported while in my care, no matter if it was a brief interaction before unfortunately relapsing and signing themselves out AMA, or if they were taking the first step in for long-term treatment and change their lives for the better.

While working in outpatient therapy, I identified a pattern of suppressed and unaddressed adverse childhood experiences (ACES) linked as one of the main root causes for illicit drug use in a majority of my patients that were desperately seeking recovery. I then made the difficult decision to exit addiction medicine/behavioral health rehabilitation therapy (which was unfortunately harm-reduction in most cases) and redirected my efforts towards our at-risk, tier 3, children. I am now serving as a Substance Abuse Therapist with the Clark County School District, Invo IMPACT Program, which is a team-based approach that supports high-


risk students by addressing underlying causes of unwanted behaviors.

I now provide substance abuse counseling support services to students both directly and indirectly suffering from the negative effects of addiction and illicit substance use. I now have the privilege to collaborate with Principals, Assistant Principals, School Counselors, Nurses, CCSD Police, Student Success Coordinators, and so many others. I am personally equipping students with self-awareness, self-management, coping skills, stress reduction, and personal empowerment that they will undoubtedly need in order to be able to identify and confidently reject the temptations of addiction. If a student has experienced any type of traumatic event such as; verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, physical/emotional neglect, domestic violence, has previously been taken/held captive, has an incarcerated relative(s), or has been previously diagnosed with a mental health concern, they are at an increased risk of developing a DSM-5 Diagnosed Substance Use Disorder (SUD) by the age of 12. I believe our adolescent community is our strongest weapon in this opioid epidemic drug war we are currently facing, it starts with them.

As a Vegas-Born Substance Abuse Counselor, I take an immense amount of pride in my Vegas roots. However, I internally fear the systematic commercialized normalization of drug and alcohol use that our local youth is absorbing on a daily basis. Our students are not just in dire need of mental health support, but also in dire need substance use education, prevention, and for many students -that have already fallen victim to the temptations of alcohol and/or drugs- addiction therapy.

My ultimate goal, is to continue to provide education and facts for every student, no matter if they are currently using a substance themselves, or have a family member or friend that does. I tell every student willing to listen that addiction is looming all around them, waiting for a moment of their weakness, lack of judgment, or to prey on their vulnerability, pain, trauma, or simple curiosity to ultimately hijack their young lives.

I am passionate about delivering results and exceeding goals, which is why I believe that my expertise would make a valuable contribution to the task force team. My interest in this opportunity only intensified after recently attending the Las Vegas DEA 2023 Opioid Youth



Summit this past September at the Venetian Resort. I view this task force as a way to dedicate my part in giving back to the same community I was born and raised, which is why I greatly look forward to this opportunity to become a member of the Clark County Opioid Task Force.

Thank you for taking the time to review my resume. I look forward to speaking with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Alexandria Abeyta