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To Whom It May Concern -

I am interested in participating in the process for rule making for SB 5313. In the past year, I have supported 150 patients to navigate the path to surgery. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

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Helen Weiss, Gender Health Navigator

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Background

Resourceful, reliable, professional care manager with strong work ethic and commitment to improving access to gender affirming care and working collaboratively to address and resolve issues that create barriers for patients.

Experience

Founding Member Gender Care Improvement Task Force **2018 - present**

Country Doctor Community Health Centers – Seattle, WA

Collaboratively work to address and respond to issues that create barriers to care for patients. Oversee volunteer recruitment, training, and retention.

Field Internship Site Supervisor, UW Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies **2016 - present**

Country Doctor Community Health Centers – Seattle, WA

Create study opportunity for undergraduates interested in gender affirming care. Recruit, interview, train and supervise undergraduate students from University of Washington Gender Women and Sexuality Studies to support emerging Gender Care program for patients at Country Doctor and Carolyn Downs family practice sites. Since this program has begun, the number of patients seeking specialty referrals and resources has increased from 67 to 376. Currently, 992 patients receive hormone management.

Functional Acting Gender Care Navigator **2015 – present**

Country Doctor Community Health Centers - Seattle, Washington

Draft Letters of Affirmation for patients seeking gender affirming procedures, serve as resource to primary care practitioners for best practice, add and update resources to Intranet. Provide supportive environment for patients navigating pathways to gender affirming care for historically marginalized populations.

Medical Assistant **1997 - present**

Country Doctor Community Health Centers - Seattle, WA

Took vital signs, assisted with referrals, implemented care guidelines in English and Spanish for preventative care.

Medical Assistant **1996 – 1997**

General Internal Medicine, University of Washington Medicine Center - Seattle, WA

Took vital signs, assisted with referrals, implemented care guidelines for preventative care.

Caridad Farmworker Clinic**1995**

Boynton Beach, FL

Took vital signs, assisted with referrals, implemented care guidelines in English and Spanish for preventative care.

Distribution Manager**1992 - 1993**

Linux Journal, Specialized Systems Corporation, Seattle, WA

Oversee international distribution for monthly print magazine.

Vegan Cook**1991-1992**

Globe Café - Seattle, WA

Prepared vegan meals, created menu items and shopped for produce.

Education

Medical Assisting Certificate Program, North Seattle Community College - Seattle, WA - 1996

Bachelor's Degree, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA - 1993

Professional Affiliation

Member in good standing - Ingersoll Consult Group, Seattle, WA

Skills

Excellent communication and time management skills, proficiency at listening to concerns and issues presented by patients, familiar with HIPAA compliance, fully able to utilize community resources to overcome barriers to care, commitment to securing successful outcomes for the health and well-being of the patients is the highest priority. I use Excel, GoogleDocs, Microsoft Word, NextGen and PowerPoint.

References

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