



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Kyla Evans		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Women's Commission		Position Title: Commission Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment x OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: * 7/2/2020 to 7/1/2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Central District	Zip Code:	Contact Phone No.:
Background: Kyla Evans is a clinical social worker at Harborview Medical Center where she provides case management and psychotherapy services to adults with mental health and substance use disorders. Her professional background includes domestic and international advocacy within local and national government, as well program development and management with a focus on women's issues, health equity, and criminal justice. She recently completed consulting work for Duwamish Tribal Services and served as a founding member of a student, staff, and faculty led collective aimed at integrating an abolitionist lens into social work practice at the University of Washington. Kyla served in the United States Peace Corps in Malawi from 2015-2018. During this time, she worked on grassroots projects addressing gender-based violence and health disparities; she also served as a member of a national Ministry of Gender taskforce to create the Government of Malawi's National Strategy on Ending Child Marriage (launched in 2018). Kyla holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Washington (2020) and a Master of Science from the DePaul University School of Public Service (2013). Kyla graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Eastern Washington University (2010) where she was a co-captain on the women's basketball team. Kyla Evans was born and raised in Brewster, Washington. She currently resides in the Central District of Seattle.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Councilmember Tammy J. Morales</i>	

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Kyla Evans

Education

University of Washington | Seattle, WA | 2020 Master of Social Work

DePaul University | Chicago, IL | 2013 Master of Science in Public Service Management with Distinction, Concentrations in Nonprofit Management & Women's Studies

Eastern Washington University | Cheney, WA | 2010 Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies, Magna Cum Laude and Honors Ad Maxima Valorem

Relevant Professional Experience Harborview Mental Health and Addiction

Services | Mental Health Practitioner Seattle, WA | May 2020 - Present

- Leverage a trauma-informed, feminist approach to provide case management and psychotherapy services to a caseload of 90+ diverse patients experiencing psychosocial distress and mental health and substance use challenges;
- Advocate directly with King County systems, including DSHS, DCYF, Seattle Housing Authority, King County Housing Authority, King County Superior Court, and Crisis Services;
- Coordinate research project analyzing implementation and outcomes of clinic's evidence-based practices to inform processes and illuminate gaps in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Harborview Mental Health and Addiction Services | Clinical Social Work Intern Seattle, WA | September 2019 - March 2020

- Provided intensive case management and trauma-informed counseling services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness using a strengths-based, harm reduction approach;
- Completed intake assessments including diagnostic formulations to enroll patients in appropriate services;
- Coordinated with state and county agencies including DSHS, Washington Health Care Authority, Seattle Housing Authority, and patient's medical providers to coordinate and advocate for patient care across caseload.

Duwamish Tribal Services | Health Equity Consultant Seattle, WA | September 2019 - March 2020

- In collaboration with Duwamish Tribe leadership, co-led the planning, community engagement, and organization of the Duwamish Tribe's first Health and Wellness Fair which provided information and resources to urban Native Americans;
- Spearheaded resource identification in King County to develop a health and wellness resources hub now live on the Duwamish Tribal Services website.

Catholic Community Services: Counseling, Recovery and Wellness (CRew) Program | Clinical Social Work Intern Seattle, WA | November 2018 – June 2019

- Supported 10-person caseload of adults with severe and persistent mental illness through provision of case management and trauma-informed counseling services;
- Liaised with outside agencies including DSHS, Washington Health Care Authority, Seattle Housing Authority, and patient's medical providers to coordinate and advocate for patient care across caseload.

Human Rights Defense Center | Research Assistant Seattle, WA | October 2018 - May 2020

- Conducted primary research and drafted literature reviews on human rights issues facing currently or formerly incarcerated people for two monthly publications, *Prison Legal News* and *Criminal Legal News*, circulated to over 10,000 subscribers;
- Maintained Prison Phone Justice Campaign website and managed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests as part of a multi-disciplinary political advocacy team aimed at increasing transparency and accountability within the prison telecommunications industry.

Girls Empowerment Network of Malawi | HIV and Gender Program Specialist Blantyre, Malawi | May 2017 – May 2018

- Served as project coordinator for the Enabling Girls to Advance Gender Equity (ENGAGE) project, a four-year project funded by the Gates Foundation to decrease incidence of child marriage for 16,000+ beneficiaries in Malawi;
- Developed multilingual curricula, monitoring and evaluation systems, and group-based technical training concerning women and girls' rights, gender-based violence, advocacy, and sexual and reproductive health;
- Designed and implemented arts-based activism campaign to champion girls' education by equipping 20+ direct service providers with technical skills to document the experiences of girls in rural communities;
- Served as a member of the national taskforce created by the Malawi Government Ministry of Gender's national taskforce to develop the Government's National Strategy on Ending Child

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Marriage, launched by the First Lady of Malawi in 2018. **President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Malawi** | Technical Advisor, Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) (temporary contract) Lilongwe, Malawi | February 2017 – April 2017 ▪ Liaised amongst PEPFAR Coordinator, USAID Mission Director, U.S. Ambassador to Malawi and Malawian government officials to develop the 2018 country operational plan, including successfully leading the proposal development process to secure \$90 million to build more than 150 secondary schools in Malawi; ▪ Served as United States Government (USG) focal person on AGYW technical working group to ensure key stakeholder (Government of Malawi, UN organizations, Global Fund, and other donors) coordination on joint programming.

Peace Corps Malawi | NGO Advisor for Community Health Volunteer Tengani, Nsanje, Malawi | March 2015 – February 2017 ▪ Designed and implemented evidence-based programs reaching 600+ students, teachers, and parents to develop community-based solutions addressing gender inequity, health disparities, and violence using expressive arts, peer education, and advocacy strategies; ▪ Led strategic planning workshops and gender-responsive trainings to develop capacity of seven government, public health, and women's organizations to fund, plan, implement, and evaluate community-based programs; ▪ Served as the Program and Sustainability Coordinator in Malawi for the worldwide Peace Corps initiative, Girls Leading Our World (GLOW), including leading the design and implementation of a national program to equip adolescent girls and supportive males with relevant life skills related to human rights, positive self-identity, health, and leadership through the planning and execution of community-based activities.

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery | Family Support Specialist and Case Manager Spokane, Washington | May 2014 – February 2015 ▪ Provided in-person and remote crisis counseling to daily caseload of approximately 15 families facing immediate crises and seeking refuge for their children following instances of substance abuse, domestic violence, and/or homelessness; ▪ Provided ongoing, intensive case management to caseload of single mothers through provision of weekly counseling and resource referral support to assist in creating a safe and stable home environment; ▪ Streamlined process for accessing protective orders in conjunction with local legal systems and service providers by developing agency protocol concerning provision of assistance to survivors of domestic violence.

Institute for Health and Recovery | Research & Program Assistant Cambridge, Massachusetts | September 2013 – March 2014 ▪ Conducted scholarly and operational research, co-facilitated technical trainings, and completed data analysis for a portfolio of federal and state funded youth, women, and family trauma, substance use, and mental health programs; ▪ Managed outreach communications for outpatient behavioral health services targeting women and youth; ▪ Authored agency communications including federal and state reporting, SAMHSA grant applications, and donor communications via annual appeal and gift acknowledgements.

The Siragusa Foundation | Grants Administrator Chicago, Illinois | May 2012-August 2013 ▪ Administered \$1.1 million grantmaking program including the provision of technical support, programmatic guidance, and financial analysis within health and human services portfolios; ▪ Developed and implemented strategic plans in coordination with senior program staff and board of directors.

Relevant Volunteer Experience Justice 2.3: University of Washington School of Social Work | Founding Member | Seattle, WA | 2018-2020 ▪ Co-led a student, staff, and faculty collective which incorporated an abolitionist- and decarceration-focused lens into social work practice at the UW School of Social Work through curricula integration and public events.

Boston Girls Leadership – Organized Women (GLOW) | Organizer | Boston, MA | 2013-2014 ▪ Conducted outreach and planning for the 2014 Boston V-Day event; Co-facilitated the filming and production of a video highlighting the work of the girls' leadership programming at GLOW.

Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy - Chicago Chapter | Founding Member | Chicago, IL | 2013 ▪ Led coalition of social justice-minded grantmakers in the greater Chicago area in the formation of the Chicago Chapter of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy.

Crossroads Fund | Grantmaking Committee Volunteer | Chicago, IL | 2013 ▪ Conducted proposal evaluations and site visits to assess and evaluate grant proposals for a community fund supporting community organizations working on issues of racial, social, and economic justice in the Chicago area.

Relevant Professional Research

Children of the Incarcerated Conference | WA Jail & Prison Phone Calls: The True Cost | Tacoma, WA | March 2019 ▪ Co-presented research on the impact of incarceration-induced poverty on the parent-child relationship through the lens of prison profiteering and prison and jail phone call costs in Washington State.

DePaul University | Thesis: Effective Organizing in the Reproductive Justice Movement | Chicago, IL | June 2013 ▪ Conducted extensive program evaluation for the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health's strategic plan aimed at creating systemic change within the reproductive justice movement and youth healthcare systems in Chicago, IL.

Gender Matters Annual Conference | Presenter | Chicago, IL | April 2013 ▪ Presented original research on the role of SMS technology in sexual education as a member of a panel focused on gender and reproductive justice.

DePaul University | Policy Analysis Researcher | Havana, Cuba | June 2012 ▪ Completed fieldwork including in-country observation and interviews with Cuban host country nationals leading to the development of in-depth policy analysis of Cuban Constitution Article 44, Código de Familia (Family Code).

Honors and Awards ▪ Northwest Leaders in Behavioral Health Fellow 2019-2020 ▪ Eastern Washington University Inspirational Young Alumni Award 2020 ▪ Etnyre Lonesome Endowed Scholar 2019 ▪ University of Washington School of Social Work Social Impact Scholarship Recipient, 2018 & 2019 ▪ National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Postgraduate Scholarship Recipient 2011 ▪ National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Woman of the Year Nominee 2011 ▪ Eastern Washington University Athletic Department "Triple Threat Citizen" Award 2011 ▪ Eastern Washington University Athletic Department "Triple Threat Citizen" Award 2010 ▪ ESPN *The Magazine* Academic All-District VIII Second Team Selection 2010 ▪ ESPN *The Magazine* Academic All-District VIII First Team Selection 2009

Seattle Women's Commission June 2021

21 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 9 Mayor-appointed -plus one Get Engaged.
- 4 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

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2			1.	Member	Marcia Wright-Soika	7/02/21	7/01/23	2	Mayor
4			2.	Member	Abriel Johnny	7/02/20	7/01/22	1	Mayor
2	F	2	3.	Member	Rhonda Carter	7/02/21	7/01/23	3	Mayor
1			4.	Member	Sangyoon Sophia Lee	7/02/20	7/01/22	1	Mayor
			5.	Member	Vacant	7/02/19	7/01/21	1	Mayor
6			6.	Member	Jennifer Gordon	7/02/21	7/01/23	2	Mayor
6			7.	Member	Rebecca Bryant	7/02/20	7/01/22	1	Mayor
1	F	7	8.	Member	Diya Khanna	7/02/20	7/01/22	2	Commission
6	F	4	9.	Member	Zoe True	7/02/21	7/01/23	3	Mayor
9			10.	Member	Kyla Evans	7/02/20	7/01/22	1	City Council
1	F	3	11.	Member	K. Min Pease	7/02/21	7/01/23	3	City Council
2	F	N/A	12.	Member	Jamilah Williams	7/02/21	7/01/23	3	City Council
2			13.	Member	Vinati Mamidala	7/02/20	7/01/22	1	City Council
2	F	1	14.	Member	Tana Yasu	7/02/20	7/01/22	2	City Council
8	F	5	15.	Member	Darya Farivar	7/0/21	7/01/23	3	City Council
6			16.	Member	Jema K. Turk	7/02/21	7/01/23	1	City Council
6			17.	Member	Rachel E. Morowitz	7/02/20	7/01/22	1	Commission
6			18.	Member	Morgan Cain	7/02/20	7/01/22	1	City Council
1	F	-	19.	Member	Whitney Nakamura	7/02/20	7/01/22	2	Commission
6			20.	Member	Ophelia Parker	7/02/21	7/02/23	1	Commission
1	F	3	21.	Get Engaged	Chelise Jacobson	9/01/20	8/31/21	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial					
Mayor	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comm	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Key: