



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: ChrisTiana ObeySumner		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 1/31/2018	Term of Position: * 11/1/2017 to 10/31/2019
Residential Neighborhood: Licton Springs	Zip Code: 98103	Contact Phone No.:
Background: ChrisTiana ObeySumner is an Alaskan-Born, Philly-Raised, East-Coast transplant who moved to the area in 2010 to attend Seattle University as a Transfer Scholar. They have a BS in Psychology, a Masters in Nonprofit Leadership, and is currently pursuing their M.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health & Addictions Counseling. Their area of expertise and research is the relationship between marginalized and oppressed intersectionalities and access to basic human needs and rights in American society. ChrisTiana is the chair of the Housing Committee within the <u>Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities</u> and is also the founding Executive Director of the Eleanor Elizabeth Institute for Black Empowerment.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.

CHRISTIANA OBEYSUMNER

WORK EXPERIENCES

Housing Navigator, Harborview Medical Center, *2016-Present*

- Established stable housing for 80 low income, high barrier, chronically ill individuals experiencing homelessness within an 11 month period.

Clinical Support Specialist, Downtown Emergency Services Center: Canaday House, *2014-2016*

- Led two successful employee/community in-kind donation drives culminating as number one team in the organization. Championed Ethnic Hair Care Salon for Permanent Supportive Housing Residents.

Resident Counselor, Compass Housing Alliance: Nyer Urness House, *2013-2015*

- Co-strategized with inaugural program manager with establishment and beginning operations of the property.

Community Health Coordinator, Full Life Care: Solstice Behavioral Health—WSC Americorps, *2013-2014*

- Established nearly a dozen community partnerships providing primary funding to cooking class for low-income, disabled adults; Volunteer Lead; Wellness studio manager.

EDUCATION

M. Ed., Clinical Mental Health Counselling (*In process*), Seattle University, *2016-2019*

Master of Non-Profit Leadership, Seattle University, *2014-2016*

B. Sc., Psychology, Dept. Honors. Magna Cum Laude, Seattle University, *2010-2013*

A.A., Journalism, Jefferson County Community and Technical College, *2008-2010*

PUBLIC OFFICE

City Commissioner, 2nd term, Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities, *2013-Present*

Housing Committee Chair, 1st term, Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities, *2015- Present*

City Commissioner, 1st term, Seattle Renters Commission, *2017-Present*

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Executive Director/Founder, Eleanor Elizabeth Institute for Black Empowerment, *2017-Present*

- Currently developing Ethnic Hair Care Bank for homeless Black women, and planning an Intersectional Provider Database

Think Tank Member, Seattle Housing and Livability Agenda, *2016-2017*

- City appointed position. Legislative review and analysis of current housing climate and next steps towards equitable housing affordability.

Racial, Social, and Economic Justice Representative, Seattle University Graduate Student Council, *2016-2017*

- Organizer and liaison for students with marginalized identities and intersectionalities to advocate for equity and accommodation on campus and in the Seattle metro area

Co-President, Seattle University Arts and Sciences Graduate Council, *2015-2016*

- Supervisor of the Director of Marketing and their department. Championed university-wide graduate survey for Arts and Sciences majors. Co-planned and executed "Get Connected: Networking Night."

Community Organizer, Peers.org, *2013-2015*

- Lead advocate in support of ridesharing services in Seattle metro area. Public speaking, including on-screen press interviews. Planned and organized demonstrations leading to ongoing support of over 4500 citizens.

Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

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

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Member	Rebecca A. Craemer	5/01/17	4/30/19	1	Mayor
	F	6	2.	Member	Diana Harnett Chaikin	5/01/17	4/30/19	1	City Council
			3.	Member	Eric L. Scheir	5/01/17	4/30/19	1	Mayor
	M	6	4.	Member	Jayson Morris	5/01/17	4/30/19	1	City Council
			5.	Member	M. Dorian Taylor	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	Mayor
	F	6	6.	Member	Sarah Parsons	11/1/17	10/31/19	2	City Council
	F	2	7.	Member	Christiana ObeySumner	11/1/17	10/31/19	2	Mayor
	F	6	8.	Member	Diane Laurine	11/1/17	10/31/19	2	Commission
	M	6	9.	Member	Aaron Bunnell	5/01/16	4/30/18	1	City Council
	M.	6	10.	Member	Shaun Bickley	5/01/16	4/30/18	1	Mayor
	F	6	11.	Member	Jessica Williams-Hall	5/01/16	4/30/18	1	City Council
	F	6	12.	Member	Cindi Laws	5/01/16	4/30/18	1	Mayor
	M	6	13.	Member	Kevin C. Eggers	11/1/16	10/31/18	1	City Council
	M	6	14.	Member	Steven Mark Lewis	11/1/16	10/31/18	2	Mayor
	M	6	15.	Member	Conrad A. Reynoldson	11/1/16	10/31/18	1	City Council
	F		16.	Get Engaged	Nicole Palczewski	9/1/17	8/31/18	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	3	2				1				3			
Council	4	3								7			
Comm		1								1			
Total	7	6				1				11			

Key:

- *D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)
 - **G List gender, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
 - RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A
- Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.