



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 9:00am

Department: Health & Human Services

Title: LADPC Appointment

Management Update/Work Session Date: 2/25/2025 Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: 5 Contact: Samantha Andress Phone: x4903

Requested Action: Appoint Jill Pearson to the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee for a term ending 12/31/2028.

Issue, Description & Background: The Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee is a group of knowledgeable and unique individuals who provide advocacy and leadership for the county by advising and making recommendations to the Health & Human Services Administrator and the Board of Commissioners.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: None

List of attachments: Application, Proposed Roster, Board Orders

Presenter: Carol Heard

Department Head Signature: Ryan Matthews Digitally signed by Ryan Matthews Date: 2025.02.25 11:36:32 -08'00'



Advisory Board Application

Applicant's Name: **Dr. Jill Pearson**
Adv. Board: **Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee**
City of Residence: **Silverton**
Occupation: **President, PathWays Pediatric Consulting, PC**
Application Rcd: **02/05/2025**

The reason I am applying:

The reason I am applying for this adv board:

The information in this section is considered public record and will be made available to the public as part the appointment process if you are selected to serve.

Required *

I served as the Medical Director of Pediatric Hospital Medicine from 2017-2024, building their first inpatient pediatric team committed to elevate the care of infants and children requiring hospitalization. During that time, we cared for an increasing volume of newborns who had been exposed to opiates during pregnancy and required intensive monitoring. This volume steadily increased over the years but we were able to update our care of this population, reducing length of stay, decreasing morphine utilization and increasing family centered care. Despite all the improvements, the entry of Fentanyl into our community, reverted our efforts to increased severity of withdrawing babies, increased length of stays and reliance of intensive care requiring scheduled morphine.

The heartache of watching these babies ignited a passion within me to focus on prevention. I want to be the voice of these babies, screaming for solutions and demanding invigorated efforts focused on prevention. Serving on this committee will allow me to align my service with my core values and connect with other like-minded professionals who can make a palpable difference.



Advisory Board Application

More about my personal and professional interests

Tell us more about the interests that prompted you to apply for this advisory board.

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Required *

I have a passion for pediatrics and with my whole heart, believe that a grassroots approach to prevention is absolutely necessary. I believe our families and therefore communities have been weakened since the pandemic and we need to put efforts into stabilizing family units, repairing a sense of community and prioritize parenting and support for struggling families while combating infiltration of illicit substances into our region. I want to join with a unique lens of being a parent, a physician and history of watching the impact of SUD at the bedside of too many families. I believe that I will be an integral part of providing recommendations that will impact children and support our Board of Commissioners and Health Department in facilitating improvements in the arena of alcohol and drug use prevention.

Tell us more about your community involvement

What community, school or special activities have you participated in? Please include specific details about your role.

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Required *

My local leadership positions in Marion County since 2013 have afforded me the privilege of interfacing with numerous organizations and services that engage with children. These have included emergency departments, urgent care and primary care clinics, DHS, law enforcement, child abuse professionals, Doernbecher Children's, Randall Children's, Liberty House, Early Intervention, Head Start, Family Building Blocks, Early Learning Hub, Marion County Treatment Center.

Please also see my resume for the various committees that I have served on in the capacity of child advocacy.



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Previous board service at Marion County

Have you ever served on any other Marion County board, commission, committee, council or task force: If so, please explain below or enter N/A.

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Required *

I have recently been hired by Marion County as an independent contractor to help with their substance use prevention campaign.

I recently joined the Willamette Health Council to serve as Co-Chair on their Clinical Advisory Panel and have applied to participate on the WHC Clinical Impact Committee.

Qualifications and Skills

Please list the qualifications and skills you have which you believe would be valuable if you are appointed to this volunteer position. Please include relevant skills, activities, training and/or education.

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Required *

Related to the work I would be focused on with this Committee if selected, was the quality project I initiated and completed that focused on the inpatient care of newborns suffering from neonatal opiate withdrawal syndrome (NOWS). I performed the research, collected the data, developed an improvement program, provided the education to physicians and nurses, developed the order sets, collaborated with community partners and started prenatal consults. Over the course of 4 months, the project was complete, improvements were documented in terms of decreased length of stay, near elimination of morphine support and enhanced family-centered care. Parents were more engaged and happy with the care, nurses were relieved and the implementation of new evidence-based practice and babies returned to baseline faster.

This project highlighted my passion for this population, my deep desire to take on projects to improve outcomes, and my love of collaborating with an invested team.



Advisory Board Application

More about yourself and why you are applying

Tell us more about yourself and why you are applying.

Your answers to the narrative questions in this section will be included in Board Session paperwork if you are selected to serve and an appointment is made.

I am a mother of 4 children, pediatrician serving Oregon since 1999 and passionate advocate for women and children. My firsthand experience with families struggling with SUD, healthcare system challenges since the pandemic, ongoing infiltration of our community with deadly substances, children being prayed on through social media have had a profound impact on my current passion to be a change agent.

Signature

Agreement Statement:

I give my permission for the named references to be contacted, either verbally or in writing. All the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and I understand I am applying for a volunteer position with Marion County.

I understand that appointed members of a Marion County advisory board, commission, committee, or council are considered public officials under Oregon law. Marion County will provide orientation and more information upon appointment.



I Agree *

**LOCAL ALCOHOL & DRUG PLANNING COMMITTEE (LADPC)
MEMBERSHIP LIST 2025**

	Member	Occupation	Term Start	Term Expires
1	Carlos Texidor-Maldonado	Bridgeway Community Health	12/15/2021	12/31/2025
2	Cleo Freauf	Marion County Juvenile Department	1/31/2021	2/1/2027
3	Eric Razor (Vice-Chair)	Soaring Heights	4/6/2022	3/31/2026
4	Josh Lair (Chair)	Ideal Option	12/15/2021	12/31/2025
5	Heather Daugherty	Compass and Circle	4/24/2024	12/31/2027
6	Jill Pearson	PathWays Pediatric Consulting, PC	3/12/2025	12/31/2028
7	Melinda Hills	Bridgeway Community Health	TBD	TBD/2029

Updated 2/25/2025

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of appointing)
Jill Pearson to the Local Alcohol)
& Drug Planning Committee)

ORDER No. _____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 to appoint a new member to the Marion County Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has established the Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee serves as the structured advisory group to the Local Mental Health Authority, and has the primary purpose of supporting the effective development and operation of alcohol and drug prevention services in Marion County; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacant position on the Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, to the Board of Commissioners that Jill Pearson is qualified and willing to serve as a member of the Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee for a four-year term; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Jill Pearson is appointed to the Marion County Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2028.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2025

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner