



# Seattle-King County Continuum of Care Board Application

Please complete the entire form and email to [coc.questions@kcrha.org](mailto:coc.questions@kcrha.org).

## CoC Board Member Expectations and Commitment

CoC Board members are expected to attend one regular meeting and participate in one subcommittee or workgroup each month, in addition to any special meetings that require a CoC Board vote. Responsibilities also include reading and responding to emails and phone calls, as well as completing other administrative tasks – up to 15 hours per month. All applicants must be able to commit to a minimum two-year term.

General Information	
<b>Full Name &amp; Pronouns:</b>	Amber Teer She/Her/Hers
<b>Phone:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Email Address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Zip Code:</b>	98108
<b>Are you able to commit up to 15 hours a month for the 3-year duration?</b>	Yes
<b>Please indicate which seat you are applying for:</b>	Homeless Service Provider
<b>Please indicate the King County region you primarily represent. (Select one).</b>	South King County
<b>Please indicate the sub-population(s) you directly represent.</b>	Disability Community

## Application Questions

1. Please describe how you are a representative of the seat for which you are applying.

Having worked in every aspect of the homeless response system (coordinated entry, shelter, street outreach, rapid rehousing, transitional housing and PSH) I am passionate about working to address and provide an empathetic response to a system crisis that we see daily in Seattle.

2. Tell us how you use your influence, authority, or relationships within your representative community or sector to effect change. Please include a specific example.

My current role as Clinic Manager of Evergreen Treatment Services in Seattle, I lead partnerships with the DESC ORCA center, Chief Seattle Club, Low Income Housing Institute, Public Health and REACH. While also providing methadone and primary care services to a predominantly unhoused population in Seattle. Being a former DESC housing project manager, I am in continuous collaboration to help the most vulnerable communities in Seattle!



3. Please describe your understanding of the Continuum of Care (CoC).

The continuum of care plays a critical role in any homeless response system whether in a city or a rural community. I have worked closely in both a rural central Virginia CoC and the suburban cook county CoC. I strongly believe that a CoC guides and leads the critical work of any community to ensure that our most vulnerable neighbors are prioritized for services.

4. What motivates you to be on the CoC Board? Please share your specific field of interest related to the CoC.

I have worked within the homeless response field for the last 12 years. Working in central Virginia, NYC, suburbs of Chicago and now Seattle. I am passionate about this population and want our community to continue to progress in serving the most vulnerable populations amongst us!



5. Describe your vision or understanding of a successful CoC Board.

I think a successful CoC board is one that not only guides the work but also keeps the community on track with their priorities in serving the homeless community. I also strongly believe that a successful board provides support in this vital and often demanding work! I know first hand having worked within every homeless services intervention allows me to be a supportive ally in the work.

6. Describe your leadership experiences and style.

I have over five years leadership experience within homeless services agencies, including homeless street outreach in Manhattan NYC, managing a DESC PSH site in South Lake Union focused upon veterans and now working with Evergreen Treatment Services providing methadone and primary care services to a predominantly unhoused population. I am passionate about this population group and strive to treat each unhoused client/patient as a valuable member of society. I appreciate and foster a collaborative approach to any challenge and value all voices in an effort to work towards lasting success.



7. Reflecting on the Theory of Change, please describe one way you incorporate this framework in your professional or personal life. Additionally, explain how you would integrate the Theory of Change into your work on the CoC Board and how you intend to advocate for and support the communities you represent.

KCRHA Theory of Change:

If we create a homeless response system that centers people with lived experience, then we will be able to focus on responding to needs and eliminating inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.

In my current role working to advocate for those with severe and persistent SUD I often am leaning on the voices of those that have experienced it first hand. I am passionate about being creative and innovative towards typical barriers to services. Therefore, I am actively working with City of Seattle and Public Health in obtaining a 4th mobile methadone van in order to provide methadone treatment to individuals in the field. Working to eliminate barriers and stigmatization for this people group.

6. Do you require any accommodations or support to fully participate as a member of the CoC Board?

No

