

**APPLICATION FOR
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE**

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Instructions: Please complete each section below. Be sure to enter the title of the Board, Commission or Committee (only one per application) for which you desire consideration in Box 1. For more complete information or assistance, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Please print in ink or type. Please note that ALL information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.

1. APPLYING FOR: (Use Specific Title of Board, Commission or Committee)

Behavioral Wellness Commission

2. TODAY'S DATE:

August 1, 2023

3. NAME:

Vesper Evie

Last First Middle

4. E-MAIL ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

6. ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

Number Street
Santa Barbara Californai

City Zip Code

5. TELEPHONE:

Home: [REDACTED]

Business: [REDACTED]

7. REFERENCES: Give names and addresses of three (3) individuals (not relatives) who have knowledge of your character, experience, community involvement, and abilities.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	OCCUPATION
Ana Papakhian	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Gabriela Dodson	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Barbara Andersen	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

8. Are you, or have you ever been, employed by the County of Santa Barbara?

No Yes - if yes, list below

Department: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

9. PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES (OPTIONAL):

Ethnic or Racial Identity:

- White
- African American
- Hispanic
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- Other (please specify):

Sex:

- Male
- Female

10. EDUCATION COMPLETED:

Masters degree in Social Work

11. INDICATE SUPERVISOR WHO WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF APPLICATION:

Supervisor Nelson

12. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving, and what experience you bring to the Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.

Please see attached

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Give any information explaining qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for the above Board, Commission or Committee. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Please see attached

14. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

Application for Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness Commission (Item#12)

I am interested in serving on the Santa Barbara Behavioral Wellness Commission. I have experience in both behavioral health and general Health Care administration, strategic planning and operational leadership.

I have lived in Santa Barbara since 2011. I retired to be near family and become part of the Santa Barbara community. I was professionally involved in the Kaiser Permanente Health Care Southern California system for over 25 years.

I believe the psychosocial, behavioral health component of care is critical to the provision of community service and overall community well being. The growing development of service models and care delivery systems must be coordinated and overseen by multidisciplinary experienced people who will work to link local resources to accomplish forward growth.

I obtained a Masters degree in Social work from UCLA in 1983. My immediate post graduate work was with the LA County Child and Family and Adoption Services. Through this work I was face to face with families who needed assistance and children at risk. The work was meaningful and educational. I then moved to the medical and health care arena becoming an adult and pediatric social worker in the hospital inpatient and outpatient setting. This allowed me to learn the techniques used to assist people in crisis and gain the understanding of systems coordination to help patients and families cope and obtain goals of care.

As Kaiser Permanente is a very large healthcare organization I was able to create a career path in leadership positions that began with supervising Graduate social work interns to working as the hospital vice president of a Kaiser medical center by the time I retired in 2011.

I was able to impact development of patient continuing care programs that focused on the acute care setting and how programs must be developed to bridge needed care into the outpatient setting.

My work experience included leading discharge planning, long term care, Home Health and Hospice and many other other medical departments. I served as the Director of Behavioral Health for Kaiser Permanente, Orange County which included Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine.

Upon retirement from the Kaiser Permanente organization

I obtained an Executive Leadership Coaching certificate from the Hudson Institute of Santa Barbara and the Emotional Intelligence Coaching certificate from the Six Seconds school in Menlo Park.

I created a coaching practice servicing mid-level managers with the career and transition process to build relationships and achieve personal objectives.

I moved to Santa Barbara in 2011. I have been involved in various non profit programs in the community; Hospice of Santa Barbara, Life Chronicles, Music Academy of the West Women's Auxiliary, The Women's Fund and The Cecilia Fund.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve the Santa Barbara community by joining the Behavioral Wellness Commission. I have two colleagues that sit on the commission and I admire the service they provide. I believe I can contribute as a community member. I could add my experience in direct care and organizational systems development to enhance the integrated care systems that are the goals of the Behavioral Wellness Commission. I strongly believe in reducing service duplication and to use the right resources at the right time.

I look forward to the possibility of service and thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,
Evie Vesper

Application for Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness Commission (Item#13)

Evie Vesper

Educational and Professional Background

Bachelors of Arts degree in Sociology-California State University at Long Beach- 1980

Masters Degree in Social Welfare-University of California at Los Angeles- 1983

LCSW-Licensed Clinical Social Work License-

Overview of Professional experience:

1985-Caseworker- Los Angeles County Department of Social Services-

- Children's Services
- Adoption Services

1987-2011- Kaiser Permanente Healthcare Organization - Southern California

- Medical social worker for pediatric and adult medical inpatient and outpatient units
- Director of Social Work and Discharge Planning for inpatient and outpatient settings
- Director of Behavioral Health, Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine for Kaiser Permanente Orange County, California.
- Regional Director of Long Term Care Services Kaiser Permanente Southern California. Provided care strategies for the identification, contracting and provision of services for post acute skilled and custodial medical care for health plan patients in outside facilities
- Director of Continuing Care for three medical centers in the Kaiser Permanente system. Provided oversight management and strategic planning and operational implementation for Social work, Discharge planning, Hospice, Long Term Care, Home Health, Geriatric Case management services
- 2011-Retired to Santa Barbara
- Volunteer history in Santa Barbara- Music Academy of the West, Women's Auxiliary, Life Chronicles, Hospice of Santa Barbara, The Cecilia Fund, The Women's Fund.