

Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Office of the Borough Mayor

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor *all for CP*

**DATE:** May 3, 2022

**RE:** Appointment to the KPB Resilience and Security Advisory Commission

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Pursuant to the enactment of Ordinance 2020-25, I hereby submit my recommendations for confirmation by the Assembly, of the following appointment to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Resilience and Security Advisory Commission. The Application is attached for your review:

**Central Peninsula** (areas of Sterling, Kenai, Soldotna, Kalifornsky)

Kenneth Swazer

Expires September 30, 2022

Cc: Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director  
Marcus Mueller, Land Management

Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Office of the Borough Clerk

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor  
**THRU:** Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk (MT) for JB  
**FROM:** Michele Turner, Deputy Borough Clerk (MT)  
**DATE:** April 14, 2022  
**RE:** Verification of Resilience and Security Advisory Commission Applicants

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Due to a resignation on the advisory commission, a notice of vacancy for a Central Peninsula Seat on the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission was posted in the Borough Administration Building, KPB's Facebook page and KPB's website. The filing period for this seat closed on April 11, 2022.

Per Ordinance 2020-25, appointed members shall have experience in at least one of the ten areas defining the scope of the commission. Sustainability commissioners shall submit a resume with their application to be appointed by the mayor and approved by the assembly.

The attached applications are submitted herewith for your consideration.







**CENTRAL PENINSULA** (areas of Sterling, Kenai, Soldotna, Kalifornsky)

- Kenneth Swazer Resident Address listed in Sterling
- ✓ Jeremy Spring Flynn Resident Address listed in Soldotna

cc: Land Management



# Planning Department

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## Resilience & Security Advisory Commission Application

Select the seat you want to apply for: \*  Central Peninsula (Sterling, Kenai, Soldotna, Kalifornsky) Term Expires 09/30/2022

Name: \* Kenneth Swazer

Mailing Address: \* PO Box 324

City: \* Sterling

State: \* AK

Zip Code: \* 99672

My Residence Address is DIFFERENT from my Mailing Address

Residence Address: \* 37875 Eagleson Avenue

City: \* Sterling

State: \* AK

Zip Code: \* 99672

Email: \*

swazer@gci.net

Work Phone: -

Home Phone: -

Mobile Phone: 907-350-6348

Occupation or place of employment: \* Central Peninsula Hospital

How long have you lived in the area served by this Resilience & Security Advisory Commission? \* 6 months

In which of the 10 areas defining the scope of the commission do you have experience? \* I have experience in 8) Actively engage and communicate with borough communities to develop and institute sustainable resource initiatives through community workgroups, task-forces, online media, etc.; While serving on The Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ABADA) and the Alaska Mental Health Board (AMHB) are the state agencies charged with planning and coordinating behavioral health services funded by the State of Alaska.

A copy of your resume must be included with your application.

You may upload your resume in .pdf, .doc or .docx format below.

Comments (areas of interest, additional experience or qualifications, etc.): \*

Upload your resume: \*  KSwazer Resume 03.22

# KENNETH SWAZER

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## EDUCATION & SKILLS

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| University of Alaska Fairbanks – Associates in Arts (Attending) | January 2022 |
| Substance Use Disorder Registered Counselor (SUDRC #10518)      | March 2020   |
| Chemical Dependency Counselor I (CDCI) Certification            | June 2017    |
| Behavioral Health Counselor (BHCI) Certification                | June 2017    |

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- Helping Hearts California LLC – Program Director** 08/2020 – 04/2021
- Educate and train the Direct Care (BHT-1) and BHT Staff (BHT-2) on all issues related to client treatment including changes in the treatment plan, concerns or additional monitoring or tracking they deem necessary for clinical purposes. While providing documentation of specific plans of supervision and that staff provides support to clients in planning, preparing, and serving of meals and cleaning of facility.
  - Support Agency Administrator, Clinical Coordinator and Head of Service in client-related issues and case management including treatment team meetings, as well as notifications and coordination for attendance for clients and their representatives to participate in their assessment and treatment plans.
  - Follow the Helping Hearts Internal Medication Policy which covers general duties, controlled medications, storage, and documentation, medication policy for new admits, disposal of medications, and remain on premises of assigned home the number of hours necessary to manage and administer the treatment program of the facility in compliance with California Code of Regulations.
  - Oversee and carry out the overall treatment program and management of the facility (as authorized by the licensee) and under the direction of the Clinical Coordinator.
- Foothill AIDS Project San Bernardino – Substance Abuse Counselor** 04/2020 – 08/2020
- Provided Crisis Intervention as well as a variety of evidenced-based and direct clinical psychological interventions to adults with co-occurring disorders, including a mental health diagnosis and substance use diagnosis, ensuring that each client meets his or her treatment goals.
  - Provides treatment modalities including individual, family, and/or group therapy to HIV-positive individuals with co-occurring disorders.
  - Implementation of treatment services, treatments, and care plans for each particular client, while assisting in assessing individual needs and maintaining specific goals and objectives.
  - Documentation: Maintains all files, charts, and notes in current, and accurate manner.
- RurAL CAP – Case Management Specialist, Supportive Housing Division** 12/2018 – 1/2020
- Provided culturally competent intensive case management services to a caseload of 20 supportive housing clients presenting with mental illness, physical disabilities, chronic health conditions, and substance use.
  - Evaluated program effectiveness and used results to improve operational procedures, treatment plans, and behavioral contracts.
  - Collaborating with and providing referrals to outside agencies and assisting participants with permanent housing and obtaining self-sufficiency by coordination and implementation of necessary supportive services.
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council – Drug Court Case Manager, Recovery Services** 6/2018 – 12/2018
- Provided evidence-based, trauma-informed case management services to help individuals access community support services including addiction treatment, mental health, housing support, employment services and healthcare.
  - Administered and interpreted the Alaska Screening Tool and the Biopsychosocial Substance Use assessments to determine substance use treatment recommendations based on American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria.
  - Developed client-centered treatment goals and coordinated with referral sources, family members, community agencies, and other treatment providers to offer best case management options.
  - Participated in weekly court hearings at Municipal Wellness Court and bi-weekly hearings at federal court.
- The Salvation Army – Intake Coordinator, Adult Rehabilitation Center** 5/2017 – 6/2018
- Designed and implemented a screening process for admission to a 6-month long program designed to combat co-occurring disorders, including mental health and addiction, build employment and social skills to assist them in regaining health and stability for adult men.
  - Formed partnerships and managed relationships with 10+ community referral sources, connecting prospective and current clients to services to ensure continuity of care.
  - Facilitated a 15-participant chemical dependency relapse prevention process group designed to increase moral reasoning, enhance self-image, and promote positive identity growth.

**Choices Inc. – Lead Recovery Coordinator**

**2/2015 – 5/2017**

- Utilized the harm reduction approach to provide case management services to a caseload of up to 25 individuals experiencing severe and persistent mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders
- Supervised team of four staff, supporting their ongoing development and overseeing their provision of services
- Revamped and implemented IT policies, client screening process and client assignment process for programs and groups to increase efficiency and promote a positive client experience and outcome
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary Housing First – Assertive Community Treatment Team to provide wrap-around services to clients.

**North Star Behavioral Health – Mental Health Specialist II Lead**

**1/2011 – 1/2015**

- Planned and implemented individually prescribed care for allocated clients.
- Supervised a team of mental health specialists, supporting their ongoing development and overseeing their provision of services.
- Implemented Handle with Care situational de-escalation techniques to promote client safety and prevent physical injury.

**Alaska Psychiatric Institute – Psychiatric Nursing Assistant I**

**8/2011 – 1/2014**

- Recorded and maintained all patient information including vital signs, eating habits, behavior, progress notes, treatments, and discharge plans.
- Worked as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide mentally impaired or emotionally disturbed adult and adolescent patients with routine physical, emotional, psychological or rehabilitation care under direction of relevant staff.
- Restrained or aided patients to prevent injury when necessary