



Contra Costa County

Please return completed applications to:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1025 Escobar Street, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553
or email to: ClerkofTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	
Home Address - Street	City	State	Postal Code
Primary Phone (best number to reach you)	Email Address		
Resident of Supervisorial District (if out of County, please enter N/A):			District Locator Tool
Do you work in Contra Costa County?	Yes	No	If Yes, in which District do you work?
Current Employer	Job Title	Length of Employment	
How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?			

Board, Committee, or Commission	Seat Name
Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?	
Please check one:	Yes No If Yes, how many?

EDUCATION

Check appropriate box if you possess one of the following:

High School Diploma CA High School Proficiency Certificate G.E.D. Certificate

Colleges or Universities Attended	Degree Type/ Course of Study/Major	Degree Awarded	
		Yes	No
		Yes	No
		Yes	No

Occupational Licenses Completed:	Certificate Awarded for Training?
	Yes No
Other Trainings Completed:	Yes No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings? Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified? Yes No

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume).

I am including my resume with this application:

Please check one: Yes No

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

Please check one: Yes No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are **currently** serving:

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have **previously** served:

List any volunteer and community experience, including any boards on which you have served.

Do you have a familial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section on page 3 of this application or Resolution No. 2021/234).

Please check one: Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the county, such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

Please check one: Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand and agree that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

Signed:

Date:

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*Questions about this application? Contact the Clerk of the Board at (925) 655-2000 or by email at
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Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: 1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and 2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships: (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter; (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter; (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter; (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297; (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner; (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

CURRICULUM VITAE

VANESSA NYBORG BLUM, PHD

LICENSED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

LICENSE CA #26363 Expiration 3/2024

EDUCATION

PhD, 2001
MA, 1998
Duke University
Durham, NC
Clinical Psychology

BA, 1995
University of California, Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA
Double Major: Psychology and African American Studies

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

2020 – PRESENT
Clinical Psychologist II
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
Marin County Health and Human Services

- Conduct comprehensive clinical assessments and evaluations to determine eligibility for services through the Forensic Division
- Provide testimony
- Collect and analyze Forensic Division data
- Track and report AOT program data to California Department of Health Care Services
- Clinical faculty to APA-accredited Doctoral Internship Program
- Provide clinical supervision to unlicensed staff
- Provide suicide prevention trainings
- Provide LGBTQ+ affirming trainings
- Provide cultural humility trainings
- Facilitate diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging efforts
- Developed SOGI data collection best practices
- Co-facilitated LGBTQ+ Collaborative
- Member of Suicide Prevention Collaborative and Lead for Training and Education Team
- Member of Trauma-Informed, Resilience-Oriented Equity Core Implementation Team
- Member of Equity and Community Partnerships Committee

2019 – 2020

Director of Clinical Operations
Rainbow Community Center

- Supervise and oversee all aspects of the clinical department
- Hiring, supervision, evaluation, training, promotion, corrective action of staff within the department
- Provide clinical supervision to unlicensed staff and trainees
- Initiate, implement and monitor compliance with evidence- based practices
- Ensure documentation is County, State and Federal compliant
- Teach and model clinical interventions and strength-based strategies
- Ensure clinical services are culturally responsive and trauma-informed
- Provide LGBTQ+ affirming trainings
- Develop, plan and implement strategies to manage clinical program
- Collaborate with other members of the executive team to foster successful communication and coordination between all programs and participate in strategic planning
- Oversight of program evaluation and quality assurance functions for department
- Represent Rainbow in community, corporate and donor environments

2019 – PRESENT

Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Private Practice

- Individual, family, and group therapy
- Consultations
- Psychological testing
- Training

2017 – 2018

Clinical Director
Community Options for Families and Youth

- Hiring, supervision, evaluation, training, promotion, corrective action of staff within the department
- Knowledge of County, State and Federal requirements for documentation and reporting, including Medi-Cal requirements
- Facilitate diversity, equity, and inclusion trainings for staff
- Overall clinical responsibility for evidence-based programs
- Oversight of quality assurance functions and evaluation of evidence-based programs
- Collaborate on new initiatives, contract, and grant Opportunities

2012 – 2017

Mental Health Clinical Specialist
Concord Adult Mental Health
Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services
Contra Costa Health Services

- Suicide Prevention Specialist
- Developed (including identification of appropriate outcome measures), implemented, and provided services for a suicide prevention pilot program
- Provided suicide prevention trainings
- Identified training needs for Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services
- Utilization review for Medi-Cal billing
- Facilitated LGBTQ+ diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in Contra Costa Health Services
- Behaviorist in first County transgender clinic at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center
- Co-led culturally responsive transgender healthcare trainings in Contra Costa Health Services

2001 – 2003

Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow
Rhode Island Hospital, Hasbro Children's Hospital
Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior
Alpert Medical School of Brown University

- Conducted consult/liaison services to Hasbro Children's Hospital and to Sleep Disorders Clinic
- Conducted mental health evaluations and therapy with children and families
- Participated in multi-disciplinarian treatment teams
- Conducted anger management groups

2000 – 2001

Clinical Psychology Intern
Cambridge Hospital
Cambridge Health Alliance
Harvard Medical School

- Conducted mental health assessments and therapy with adults with diagnoses ranging from schizophrenia to major depression
- Participated in multi-disciplinary treatment teams

Cambridge Youth Guidance Center
Cambridge Health Alliance
Harvard Medical School

- Conducted mental health assessments and therapy with child/adolescent clients and their families
- Created and led anger management/social skills groups in schools
- Co-led violence prevention groups in schools

- 1998 – 2000
 Psychology Technician
 Duke University Medical Center
- Acquired training and supervision in the administration, interpretation, and writing of psychological assessments to children and adults
- 1999 – 2000
 Clinical Psychology Trainee
 Duke Psychology Clinic
- 1998 – 1999
 Clinical Psychology Trainee
 Center for Child and Family Health
- 1998
 Clinical Psychology Trainee
 Children’s Psychiatric Institute
 John Umstead Hospital
- 1997 – 1998
 Clinical Psychology Trainee
 Durham Child Development and Behavioral Health Clinic, Lincoln
 Community Health Center
 Duke University Medical Center

RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2004 – 2011
 K01 MH067881 V. Nyborg, PhD (PI)
 “Racism, Masculinity, Aggression in African Descent Youth”
 Scientist Development Award for New Minority Faculty
 National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
 Role: Principal Investigator

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2004 – 2011
 Assistant Researcher
 Gevirtz Graduate School of Education
 University of California, Santa Barbara
- Principal Investigator on NIMH grant
 - Overall coordination of the study including study design, budget management, compliance with NIMH and University policies and regulations
 - Supervision of research assistants
 - Collaboration with school districts and school personnel
 - Data management, data analyses and interpretation of statistical results and dissemination of the results
- 2003 – 2004
 Research Fellow
 Center for School-Based Youth Development
 Gevirtz Graduate School of Education
 University of California, Santa Barbara

- Developed grants for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Tobacco Related Disease Research Program
- Collaborated on publications

2001 – 2003

NIMH T32 Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Alpert Medical School of Brown University

- Consultant to school-based mental health initiative
- Collaborated with school personnel, community leaders, and public policy advocates on policy issues related to the project, such as financial sustainability

1997 – 1998

Graduate Research Assistant
Department of Psychology and Neuroscience
Duke University

- Conducted interviews for a longitudinal study on the prevention and intervention of aggressive behavior among boys
- Data entry

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2013 – 2017

Adjunct Associate Professor
Counseling Department
Kalmanovitz School of Education
Saint Mary's College of California

- Taught *Introduction to Counseling Research*
- Taught *Research Independent Studies*
- Co-taught *Community Mental Health*

2004 – 2005

Adjunct Professor
Gevirtz Graduate School of Education
University of California, Santa Barbara

- Taught *Psychopathology*

1999

Teaching Assistant
Department of Psychology and Neuroscience
Duke University

1998

Teaching Assistant
Department of Psychology and Neuroscience
Duke University

COMMITTEE AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

2019 – 2021	Member and Vice Chair, Civic Action Commission Member and Chair (2019-2020), Diversity Sub-Committee City of Pleasant Hill
2017 – 2019	Member, Board of Directors Rainbow Community Center
2016 – 2017	Member, Contra Costa Health Services Race, Bias, Trauma, and Equity Subcommittee
2016 – 2017	Member, Contra Costa Health Services Health Equity Team
2016 – 2017	Co-Chair, Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services Reducing Health Disparities Workgroup
2015 – 2016	Member, Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services Reducing Health Disparities Workgroup
2014 – 2017	Member, Contra Costa Health Services LGBT Pride Initiative
2013	Member, African American Workgroup Know the Signs Suicide Prevention Campaign
2013 – 2017	Member, Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services Training Advisory Workgroup
2012 – 2017	Member, Contra Costa County Suicide Prevention Committee
2010 – 2012	Federal Advocacy Coordinator Division 35, American Psychological Association
2004 – 2008	Member, Disproportionality Advisory/Action Group Los Angeles Unified School District
2005 – 2006	Member, Presidential Virtual Working Group on Prejudice and Discrimination American Psychological Association
2004 – 2005	Non-Senate Representative, Committee on Diversity and Equity University of California, Santa Barbara

PUBLICATIONS

Nyborg, V., Sharkey, J. D., & Furlong, M. J. (2014). Adolescent homicide. In T. P Gullotta & M. Bloom (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of primary prevention and health promotion: Part II* (2nd ed., pp. 1261–1270). New York, NY: Springer.

Nyborg, V. (2009). *Exploring racism in the lives of African American boys: Implications for mental health*. Saarbruecken, Germany: VDM Publishing.

Furlong, M. J., Nyborg, V. M., & Sharkey, J. D. (2005). Homicide and the adolescent: Prevention approaches. In T. Gullotta & G. Adams (Eds.) *Handbook of adolescent behavioral problems: Evidence-based approaches to prevention and treatment*. New York: Springer.

Jimerson, S. R., Sharkey, J. D., Nyborg, V., & Furlong, M. J. (2004). Strength-based assessment and school psychology: A summary and synthesis. *California School Psychologist*, 9, 9-20.

Nyborg, V. M. & Curry, J. (2003). The impact of perceived racism: Psychological symptoms among African American boys. *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, 32, 258-266.

PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

Keuroghlian, A., Tian, D., Blum, V., Garcia-Lopez, G., Lacey, T., Dy, P., & Feld, E. *Leveraging SOGI and REAL data to advance equity in behavioral health*. Webinar hosted by the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions, California Primary Care Association, and County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California. February, 2023.

Blum, V., Lacey, T., & Alt, W. *LGBTQ+ affirming practices in behavioral health, child welfare, probation, and other systems*. Webinar hosted by California Alliance and County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California. February, 2023.

Blum, V., Parker, M., & Connors, K. *A safety planning training to support those in recovery from mental health, suicidality, and substance use*. Training given to RX Safe Marin. January, 2022.

Blum, V. & Connors, K. *Safety planning intervention: A collaborative approach to reduce suicide risk*. Training given to providers. December, 2021.

Blum, V., Lea, T., & Connors, K. *Safety planning for those in distress: Implications for LGBTQ+ youth and adults*. Training given to County and community-based providers. May, 2021.

Martel-Dow, L., Blum, V., Reynolds, J., & Pham, N. *Addressing trauma through decolonizing mental health*. Presentation for May Mental Health Month in Marin County. May, 2021.

Blum, V., Lea, T., & Connors, K. *Safety planning intervention: A collaborative approach to reduce suicide risk*. Training given to Spahr Center. January, 2021.

Blum, V. *Mental health through a systemic lens*. Presentation given to Leadership Contra Costa. October, 2019.

Blum, V. *Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)*. Training given to Health, Housing, and Homeless Division staff. February, 2017

- Blum, V. *Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)*. Training given to Thunder Road Adolescent Treatment Center line staff. January, 2017
- Blum, V. *LGBTQ inclusion in county health services: Addressing social justice and health equity*. Roundtable presented at the National Multicultural Conference and Summit. January, 2017.
- Blum, V. *Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)*. Training given to high school students. Freedom High School, Liberty Union High School District. November, 2016.
- Genet, J. & Blum, V. *Transgender health*. Training given to appointment division of Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. September, 2016.
- Genet, J. & Blum, V. *Transgender health*. Training given to psychiatric staff employed in inpatient settings at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. December, 2015.
- Farr, Y. & Blum, V. *Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for clerical staff*. Training given to administrative staff employed by Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services and employed by allied community based organizations. September, 2015.
- Cobaleda-Kegler, J. & Nyborg, V. *Suicide prevention and behavioral health providers*. Workshop presented at Bay Area Suicide and Crisis Intervention Alliance's Suicide Prevention Meeting: Strengthen Your Role in Suicide Prevention. September, 2013.
- Nyborg, V. *Exploring risk and resilience in the lives of male adolescent African Americans*. In-service training presented to West County Child and Adolescent Services, Richmond, CA. November, 2012.
- Nyborg, V. *A consideration of culture and emotional literacy in the lives of African American males*. Workshop presented at the Bringing Emotional Literacy into the 21st Century conference at City of Wolverhampton College, Wolverhampton, England. May, 2009.
- Nyborg, V. *Reviewing the role of racism and masculinity in the lives of adolescent African American males*. Lecture presented at Masculinity, Race/Ethnicity, and Youth Interventions meeting at the Government Office West Midlands, Birmingham, England. January, 2009.
- Nyborg, V. *The relation between masculinity and school engagement among African American males*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA. August, 2008.
- Nyborg, V. *Psychological well-being and behavior among adolescent African American males: Examining the role of racism, masculinity, and school engagement*. Lecture presented at the City of Wolverhampton College, Wolverhampton, England. January, 2008.
- Nyborg, V. *Racism, well-being, and behavior in adolescent African American males*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA. August, 2007.

- Nyborg, V. *Masculinity, well-being, and behavior in adolescent African American males*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA. August, 2007.
- Nyborg, V. *Culturally relevant interventions for African American adolescent males: Understanding the role of racism and masculinity*. Paper presented at the annual convention of the California Association of School Psychologists, Los Angeles, CA. March, 2007.
- Nyborg, V. *Exploring the lives of adolescent African American males*. Keynote address presented at Schooling, Masculinity, and Social Cohesion conference, Birmingham, England. December, 2006.
- Nyborg, V. *Development of an age- and culturally-relevant masculinity scale*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA. August, 2006.
- Nyborg, V. *Intervention strategies for African American males: Considering culture*. Paper presented at the National Conference on Men's Health, Atlanta, GA. October 2005.
- Kumpfer, K., Hecht, M., Stevenson, C. H., & Nyborg, V. *Moving towards state of the art, culturally relevant prevention interventions for minority youth*. Discussants: Lori Holleran and Stephanie I. Coard. Roundtable discussion/scientific dialogue presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, DC. May, 2005.
- Lau, A. S., de Arellano, M. A., Coard, S. I., Wieling, E., Nyborg, V., & Joe, S. *Role of culture in culturally based child and adolescent interventions*. Discussant: B. E. Sims. Symposium presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI. August, 2004.
- Nyborg, V. *Examining the racial experiences of African American boys*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC. August, 2000.