

Saul Petersky

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WA STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH CREDENTIALS

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EDUCATION

Master of Social Work, Clinical Social Work, University of Washington *Candidate, class of Spring 2025*

Concentration: Aging and Multigenerational Family Practice. Husky 100 award recipient.

Washington State Behavioral Health Workforce Development Initiative scholarship recipient, Ballmer Group.

Bachelor of Arts, Studio Arts, Hampshire College

Concentrations: Critical Social Inquiry, Interdisciplinary Arts, Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies.

Associate of Arts and Sciences, Sociology, Bellevue College

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN WASHINGTON **1902 2nd Avenue, Seattle, WA**

Clinical Intern, SUDPT, AAC | Counseling, Recovery and Wellness (CReW) Program *Sept 2024 – Present*

- Conducts psychotherapy sessions in permanent supportive housing (PSH) and community-based settings.
- Documents clinical sessions using Carelogic EHR in compliance with Medicaid contract guidelines.
- Designs and facilitates group therapy interventions informed by evidence-based practices.
- Collaborates with interdisciplinary teams and external stakeholders to improve PSH healthcare integration.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICINE **325 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA**

Research Coordinator Lead | Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute - UW School of Medicine *Sept 2023 – Sept 2024*

- Spearheaded and designed the first WA PSH Perceptions and Community Health (PerCH) survey.
- Explored resident experiences with overdose, perceptions of substance use policies, quality of community relationships, personal substance use patterns and needs in the writing of a 25-page report.
- Managed team of data collection staff and volunteers to conduct 188 surveys with PSH residents.
- Recruited and outreached partner sites in ten WA State counties. Presented report findings to partner sites.
- Interviewed stakeholders with lived experience of substance use disorder to inform survey design.
- Programmed REDCap syntax. Analyzed statistics with Tableau and Excel. Interpreted qualitative data.

Research Study Assistant | Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute - UW School of Medicine *Jul 2023 – Sept 2023*

- Investigated trajectories of opioid use and opioid use disorder among people who use drugs in Seattle, WA.
- Interviewed and determined eligibility according to established study criteria. Reviewed consent processes.

Mental Health Specialist II, AAC | Medical Respite – Harborview Medical Center *Mar 2023 – Present (per diem)*

- Provides individual counseling to patients. Contributes to development of behavioral care planning.
- Completes intake procedures with newly admitted patients. Charts encounters with EPIC EHR software.
- Coordinates ambulatory, accessibility, and technology resources on the unit. Assists with social work tasks.
- Collaborates with nursing team in patient escort. Screens abnormal physical and behavioral symptoms. Implements over-sedation protocol. Coordinates patient transfer to emergency department.

DOWNTOWN EMERGENCY SERVICE CENTER **515 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA**

HOST Outreach Case Manager, AAC | South & Southwest Seattle Precincts *Aug 2021 – Mar 2023*

- Responsible for counseling and clinical case management on behalf of an average caseload of 27 clients.
- Built mutuality with clients who were historically unwilling or unable to engage in social services.
- Connected 28 high-acuity clients experiencing chronic homelessness to appropriate permanent housing.
- Performed Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) interviews. Assisted with VAT training workshops.
- Led team meetings and psychiatric consultations. Created tools for managing service delivery needs.
- Performed mental status examinations. Submitted affidavits to King County Designated Crisis Responders.
- Leveraged external partnerships to advocate for improved regional access to low-barrier survival services.

Shelter Case Manager, AAC | DESC West Wing Shelter *Dec 2020 – Aug 2021*

- Supported 20 clients in their transitions from congregate shelter to permanent or leased housing.
- Collaborated with clients during application processes for housing vouchers and state entitlement programs.
- Documented behavioral health information for staff psychiatrists and managed clients' daily medications.

On-call Counselor / DESC Permanent Supportive Housing and Shelter Programs *Apr 2020 – Dec 2020*

- Monitored clients' behavior, common areas, and security systems. Documented extraordinary events.
- Mitigated resident conflicts with supportive listening, facilitating dialogue, and de-escalation.

PIKE MARKET SENIOR CENTER

85 Pike Street, Seattle, WA

Resource Specialist and Member Services Coordinator

Feb 2020 – Sept 2020

- Hosted day-center programming and issued membership registrations. Digitized membership records.
- Adapted technology and PPE to safely operate the information and assistance program during COVID-19.
- Performed telephonic outreach with external service providers to create accurate resource guides.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Petersky S. Challenges, opportunities, and perceptions of substance use in long-term care:

A systematic review. [Target Publication: *Journal of Long-Term Care*]. Forthcoming; 2025.

Petersky S, Banta-Green CJ. Staff and resident perceptions of substance use in Permanent Supportive Housing. Seattle, WA: Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, School of Medicine, University of Washington. March 2025. <https://adai.uw.edu/download/11322/>

Petersky S. King County Results: 2024 Permanent Supportive Housing Perceptions and Community Health (PerCH) Survey. Presented at the King County Overdose Prevention Community of Practice. September 2024.

Petersky S, Banta-Green CJ. Substance use and permanent supportive housing: Results from the PerCH Survey. YouTube. September 2024. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOZGpd1TAIU>

Petersky S, Banta-Green CJ. Results from the 2024 WA State Permanent Supportive Housing Perceptions and Community Health Survey. Seattle, WA: Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, School of Medicine, University of Washington. September 2024. <https://adai.uw.edu/download/10123/>

UNPAID PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

MAPLE GUARDIAN AND CONSERVATOR SERVICES, LLC

Strategic Clinical Consultant

Oct 2024 – Present

- Provides guidance on selection of clients with complex medical, behavioral health, and cognitive disorders.
- Evaluates cases to ensure organizational capacity. Offers recommendations to optimize care outcomes.

WASHINGTON STATE HEALTHCARE AUTHORITY

Core Planning Team Member / Homeless Outreach Academy

Jan 2024 – Present

- Conceived of programming for multi-day conference attended by over two hundred outreach workers.

SELECTED COURSEWORK

Understanding Addiction, Pharmacology of Drugs, and Treatment Methods, Families Confronting Mental Health Challenges and Substance Use, Social and Healthcare Policy in an Aging Society, Aging and the Life Course Integrative Seminar, Foundations of Social Welfare Research, Micro/Meso Social Work Practice I/II, Macro Social Work Practice I/II, Assessment of Mental Disorders (DSM-5-TR), Clinical Social Work Practice with Adults.

SELECTED TRAININGS, EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Housing First Partners Conference, Goldstein Institute Innovations on Aging, WA Recovery Alliance Lobby Day, King County (KC) Substance Use Conference, KC Overdose Prevention: Housing Provider Community of Practice, KC Healthcare for the Homeless Annual Gatherings, Community of Advanced Practice: Evidence-Based Methods.

HONORS AND SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Husky 100 / 2025

SEVEN STAR KUNG FU

Purple Belt, Kajukenbo System / 2025

WASHINGTON FEDERATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES

Labor Council Convention Delegate / 2023

KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY

Outreach Symposium Panelist / 2022