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San Juan County Commissioners
San Juan Counseling Center

Dear Commissioners and Members of the Board,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving on the Board of the San Juan Counseling Center. I currently reside in Bluff and work in Blanding at Albert R. Lyman Middle School. I am interested in the mental and emotional well-being in my community.

Throughout my 25 plus years in education, I have gained extensive experience working with people in many different communities and schools. This experience has given me unique insights into the emotional and academic needs of teenagers. I've worked extensively with school counselors, support staff, and parents. I believe this background uniquely positions me to offer valuable insights in support of your mission to provide accessible and compassionate counseling services.

I also offer a unique perspective because I come from outside of the county. I have only lived in San Juan County for three years, which means I could offer a more objective point of view. I have become aware of some unique mental and behavioral issues in San Juan County and would appreciate the chance to learn how to better support my students who are dealing with these issues.

Although I have limited experience with adult counseling services, I believe that my classroom experience gives me a practical understanding of the issues students face and the challenges they may be experiencing. This allows me to offer informed perspectives and collaborate effectively with members of the board.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to the vital work being done by the San Juan Counseling Center.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Wendy Haws, M. Ed.