

Board of Health Record of the Proceedings – Skagit County, Washington

Date: **October 14, 2025**

The Skagit County Board of Health met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, with Chair Peter Browning, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

I. [CALL TO ORDER:](#)

Chair Browning called the proceedings to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. [AGENDA:](#)

a) [*10:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Chair Browning led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

b) [*10:02 a.m. Board of Health Approval of Recording of the Proceedings:](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Board of Health Approval of Record of the Proceedings items 1, 2, and 3. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

1. Monday, July 28, 2025

2. Tuesday, August 19, 2025

3. Tuesday, September 9, 2025

c) [*10:05 a.m. Public Health Director Remarks](#)

Interim Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson shared information about Public Health facing a difficult budget 2026 year due to COVID and one-time limited revenues ending in 2025. Ms. Johnson said that the Public Health department would be transitioning public health's functions which include emergency preparedness, epidemiology, health assessment, planning, communicable disease, child health, family health, and environmental health.

Discussion ensued about the work that North Star was doing and how to integrate it with Population Health Trust's work.

d) [*10:10 a.m. 2025 Community Health Assessment Work Session](#)

Introductions and roles in the Population Health Trust were made.

Public Health Analyst Kristen Ekstran and Community Health Coordinator Kas Church discussed the Community Health Assessment (CHA).

e) [*10:15 a.m. Population Health Trust \(PHT\) Advisory Board Statement Summaries Focusing on Key Trust Concerns:](#)

1. Economic Stability, Housing, Healthcare Access/Outcomes, Adult Behavioral Health, Child/Youth Health

Representing Government Employment Security Department, Anneliese Vance-Sherman; Data Analysis with Pettitt Consulting, Maureen Pettitt; Chief Administrative Officer with PeaceHealth United General Medical Center Chris Johnson, Tribal Health Representative Leon John with didg'wálich Wellness Center, Health Promotion and Prevention with United General District 304 Lyndie Simmonds provided statistical information about economic stability, income inequality, minimum wage, food security, affordable housing, transitional housing, healthcare access, out-of-pocket medical expenses, adult behavioral health, and child/youth health in Skagit County.

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f) [*10:35 a.m. Discussion:](#)

Discussion ensued about the following items:

1. At Powerful Partnerships we asked attendees to share their perspectives on key health issues that impact their lives. What did you hear that stood out for you? What were the issues driving conversation at your tables?
2. Did your table raise any issues that they found missing that we should listen for in the rest of our Community Listening sessions?
3. We know the issue statements capture reality from a data perspective and from long discussions by the Trust reflecting their sector expertise. How well do you think the issue statements capture the needs of our community as you hear them expressed?
4. When you think of the variety of populations reflected in Skagit's communities, what key health and wellness issues are you concerned about for specific populations?
5. What strengths would you like the Trust to build on as we move next to think about health improvement planning?

g) [*10:55 a.m. Health Officer Update](#)

Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand discussed tuberculosis treatment and prevention among undocumented population.

h) [*11:00 a.m. Public Comment](#)

None provided.

III. [ADJOURNMENT:](#)

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 11:07 a.m.

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**BOARD OF HEALTH
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Peter Browning, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Health

Ron Wesen, Commissioner