



**POPULATION
HEALTH TRUST**
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Board of Health
Ron Wesen, Chair
Lisa Janicki, Commissioner
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PHT Membership Meeting
August 2nd, 2018 from 8:30am-10:30am
Skagit Transit Community Center

Members: Bill Henkel, Chris Johnston, Diane Smith, Howard Leibrand, Jennifer Sass-Walton, Joanne Lynn, John Sternlicht, Kevin Murphy, Liz McNett Crowl, Liz Lovelett, Margaret Rojas, Mary McGoffin, Maureen Pettitt, Michael Sharp, Phil Brockman & Randy Elde

Guests: Claudia Marken

Staff: Kristen Ekstran, David Jefferson, Lea Hamner and Mel Pedrosa

Regrets: Barbara Juarez, Carol Hawk, Cheryl Rasar, Colleen Pacheco, Connie Davis, Debra Lancaster, Don McDermott, Jennifer Johnson, Kari Ranten, Ken Lawson, Mary Ellen Lykins, Scott Hale, Sonia Garza, Stacy Phelps & Stephanie Morgareidge

- **Welcome, review agenda & approve previous notes**
Brief introductions for guest, Claudia Marken from the Concrete Resource Center (Community Action). June notes approved.
- **Recognitions**
 - JSW recognized Amanda Horvath for the enormous work she did as an intern for Skagit County Public Health and PHT. The group agrees to send Amanda Thank you letter to Amanda on behalf of the membership
- **Steering Report**
Bill gave an update on the most recent Steering Report on July 9th. Highlights were:
 - ✓ Identifying the piece of the SCOG housing report has traction and a role for PHT
 - ✓ Educating the PHT on the Housing Report and enabling an easy way to advocate for it in regards to health in our community
 - ✓ InsightVision
- **Update**
Liz Lovelett gave a report back on the Association of WA Cities conference last month, in which Housing was the hot topic. She shared on the program adopted by King County-LEAD-Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion. This is Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a new innovative pilot program that was developed with the community to address low-level drug and prostitution crimes in King County. LEAD will divert low-level drug and prostitution offenders into community-based treatment and support services – including housing, healthcare, job training, treatment and mental health support -- instead of processing them through traditional criminal justice

system avenues. A unique coalition of law enforcement agencies, public officials, and community groups collaborated to create this pilot program. These groups make up LEAD's Policy Coordinating Group, which governs the program. <http://leadkingcounty.org/about/>

Liz also shared Walla Walla has adopted regulation to allow Community Supported Shelters which houses Conestoga tents for the homeless community. This is a safe sleep space, facilitates single occupancy at a 10 month duration cap, located in a gated area, and is individually secured. Through collaborative efforts by the Walla Walla community, offered is Porta potties, Sharps containers, running faucet. The Community is Substance use-free, About \$1000 per unit which makes it inexpensive to build and is also durable and long-lasting. <http://communitysupportedshelters.org/>

- **Housing White Paper review**

David shared a draft of the white paper with the membership earlier in the week, and shared some feedback given thus far and asked for additional input from the group.

Questions/Comments

- Mary shared a suggestion for a title of “the connection between health and housing” due to the nature of the white paper and reason it pertains to PHT
- John suggested to make it more explicit, not only why PHT cares about housing, but the fact that housing is imperative to enable change. Such as “Health starts with Housing”
- Bill shared “What is this for?” to bring attention to the SCOG report but education to the public of the need in our community and advocacy for change
- John suggested to make sure market rate and availability isn't comparable it will skew the affordability of housing
- Kevin shared the importance of finding the balance of including piece of information without duplicating the SCOG report, enough but not too much
- Mary suggests to add a 7th point from Education
- JSW suggests the economic health impacts of low availability in our county for employers and businesses
- Liz suggested the costs of inaction be included-hospital, law enforcement, etc.
- Mary suggests including a purpose statement and caveat paragraph that this is just a snapshot of housing and health
- Liz suggested to include the PHT Members list

Through robust discussion, the group agrees to include those suggestions and bring a draft for approval from the PHT, as well as the draft Resolution that accompanies it at the September 6 membership meeting

Volunteers to speak at the Board of Health Housing White Paper presentation on September 13th at 10:00am are:

-Liz Lovelett, Bill Henkel, John Sternlicht, Kevin Murphy, Liz McNett Crowl, Mo Pettitt

- **Proposed Annual Health Symposium Event**

David proposed to the group an annual event, Skagit Health Symposium, which will include Terry Belcoe award. This would include data updates, Trends updates, successes and challenges, key issues from population health, as well as present the Terry Belcoe Change-Maker Award. Through robust discussion the group unanimously agrees to move forward for this annual event.

- **Proposed Trust Retreat on 11/01 (regular Trust Meeting day)**

The proposed timeline is 9:00am-2:00pm, lunch provided. Proposed topics include: Health Equity, 2019 planning, InsightVision.

The group agrees on a shorter meeting and InsightVision as the sole topic area due to the detailed and amount of collaboration by the group. David will establish the time, location and proposed agenda and forward to the Membership.

- **Events or presentation opportunities for Dr. Patrick Jones regarding the Trends**

David will contact the membership via email for any potential engagements for Dr. Jones for the date range of September 5th-7th

- **Fiscal Request**

David sent this out a couple weeks ago and have heard from some members and asked the group to continue to respond via email

- **Solution to Addition Symposium**

David shared the invite for the symposium and will send out an electronic version for the Trust Membership to forward to their partners and constituents

- **Next Steps**

- Next Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 6th, from 8:30am-10:30am, located at the Skagit Transit Community Center
- Board of Health Housing White Paper Presentation tentatively scheduled for Tuesday September 13th at 10:00am