



**POPULATION
HEALTH TRUST**
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Skagit County Board of Health

Peter Browning, Chair
Lisa Janicki, Commissioner
Ron Wesen, Commissioner

PHT Meeting Minutes February 3, 2022/8:30am Virtual over ZOOM

Members: Maureen Pettitt, Carolyn Connor, Kevin Murphy, John Sternlicht, ,
Chris Johnson, Lyndie Simmonds, Margaret Rojas, Annaliese Vance Sherman, Bill Henkel, Dean Snider,
Ismael Vivanco, Kandi DeVenere

Community Stakeholders: Jennifer Johnson, Craig Chambers, Jennifer Sass-Walton, Chad Clark,
Marci Bloomquist, Mary Ellen Lykens,

Staff: Kristen Ekstran, Camille Keefe, Jess Nelson, Danica Sessions

Guests: Kelli Baker, Rocio Castillo-Foell

Welcome and Agenda Review – Kristen Ekstran

Kristen introduced new staff member Jess Nelson who will serve as a Community Health Worker for the Developmental Disabilities Program and Population Health Trust.

Kristen introduced Jennifer Johnson, Director of Public Health to discuss new requirements for Community Health Advisory Boards.

Review of Community Health Advisory Board requirements – Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer Johnson presented information about the legislature passing House Bill 1152 and how that affects local Community Health Advisory Boards and local Boards of Health. The Population Trust has been serving as Skagit County's community health advisory board since February 2015. The Population Health Trust will continue as Skagit County's Community Health Advisory Board to advise and provide recommendations to the Board of Health, just as it has done since it was created. Because Skagit County Board of Health has a community health advisory board, the Board of Health can only be made up of elected officials unless it meets the new requirements for expanding the local Board of Health Membership. The Trust will continue to use the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation model for community health assessment and planning. The Board of County Commissioners and Board of Health value and appreciate our County's Community Health Advisory Board, Population Health Trust, and feel proud that the State used our model to build the new requirements as part of the legislation changes. Jennifer shared with the group that support for the Population Health Trust and their advisory work is evident given our County made implemented this model before it was required through legislation. Jennifer shared that it demonstrates the commitment of the Board of Health and County Commissioners to the Population Health Trust.

A few changes have been made to be in compliance of this new legislation. One being, all meetings will now adhere to Open Public Meeting rules and meetings will now be recorded with call in access to any interested members of the public. Meeting dates and times are now posted on the Skagit County website and added to the Commissioner's calendar. . The Trust's voting members are now 19, with two exofficio members totalling 21. The exofficio members are the Health Officer and a Board of Health Member. The membership of the Population Health Trust meets the sector and background requirements of the legislation. . This has been achieved by removing voting status from all county employees and a couple other Trust members from sectors that are highly represented. Lastly, the Trust now needs a Chair and Vice-Chair. Going forward, Steering Committee will discuss and research options of how to best

achieve this for our group of leaders, however this year the Steering Committee has nominated Maureen Pettitt and Margaret Rojas for consideration as Chair and Vice Chair for a one year term.

Jennifer asked if there was needed discussion, concerns or questions about discussed changes or new Chair/Vice-Chair commitment. No concerns were brought forth. Jennifer shared that the PHT is known to be doing great work and the Commissioners recognize the value of the PHT's recommendations and knowledge. John Sternlicht acknowledged that it was the positive aspect of Commissioner Lisa Janicki re-joining the trust at an Ex-Officio Board of Health Member.

Dean Snider proposed there be a vote to accept the slate of Maureen Pettitt for Chair and Margaret Rojas for Vice-Chair. Vote completed with unanimous passing of for Maureen and Margaret for a one year term of Chair and Vice Chair of the Population Health Trust. Multiple members took this time to thank Maureen and Margaret for volunteering their expertise and time to the Trust.

From CHA to CHIP – Kristen Ekstran

Kristen began by applauding the PHT for the piece of work that has been completed with the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Recovery Plan. Conversation is focused on how trust members as community leaders and organizations are going to commit to implementing this CHA. Kristen urged the need to bring the whole community as well as staff and boards to buy in and support the COVID Recovery Plan. Staff at the Trust and Board Members will be doing outreach to educate and communicate with the community. To get to that point Kristen gave an overview of the entire process that pushed the project to finalization and steps to moving toward implementation of plan.

Commitment to and Collaboration on the Plan – Activity

Trust members were asked to add into Padlet how their individual organizations are going to lean into the recovery plan and make things happen. Answering the question: How each member intends to lead/collaborate and participate in supporting the following themes highlighted in the CHA and CHIP: Equity, Housing, Behavioral Health, Access to Care, Child Care, Economic and Financial Stability and Food Insecurity?

After time was given to complete activity, it was noticed that energy and focus is very widespread across the themes.

Board of Health Presentation

There will be a special session at the end of February or early March to present the information to the Board of Health. Steering Committee will be working on presentation in their meeting this month.

The potential outline for the BOH presentation would include:

- Reviewing theme areas and equity priorities
- Giving an overview of process
- Explaining goals and strategies by theme and highlighting opportunities for change
- Giving examples of Trust member commitments
- Request endorsement by the Board of Health.

Kristen asked for volunteers to assist in presenting specific themes that they have expertise in. The following Trust members volunteered:

Economic and Financial Stability – John Sternlicht and Annaliese Vance-Sherman

Housing – Bill Henkel

Child Care – Dean Snider

Behavioral Health – Margaret Rojas

Equity and Inclusion – Ismael Vivanco and Rocio Castillo-Foell

Food Equity – Carolyn Connor

Next Steps

- Work on finalizing the BOH presentation
- Receive endorsement from BOH
- Determine metrics for measuring progress
- Community outreach

Meeting Adjourned 10:05am

Minutes compiled by Jess Nelson