



**POPULATION  
HEALTH TRUST**  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Board of Health**  
Kenneth Dahlstedt, Chair  
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**PHT Steering Committee Meeting**

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**Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 12:00pm-1:30pm**

**Skagit County Commissioner's Building, Copper Room**

**Members:** Carol Hawk, Jennifer Johnson, Bill Henkel, Kristen Ekstran, Connie Davis, & Sonia Garza

**Staff:** Kristen Ekstran, Mimi Chimera

**Absent:** Kevin Murphy, Debra Lancaster, Mary McGoffin

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## Minutes

- Approved April minutes
  - Correction Carol not at last meeting
- Chat with David
  - It has been a great 5 years, amazing experience. Will attend June 6<sup>th</sup> to say goodbye. The trust is solid, it has matured. People know how to work together and ideas about what's on the horizon.
  - I wish you all fantastic years ahead.
  - From Jennifer - David will be greatly missed. His leadership has been fantastic and he does incredible work. When he started, David's job description that basically said he was going save the world. He had to get to know everyone and the community, bring everyone together, had to figure what works and hasn't, help to provide options. David made it look simple, this is something that people are going to be talking about when none of us are at our jobs anymore. What a gift he has given to the community.
  - David - The prep work was One Community One Voice. People were willing. It was just putting the system in place, everyone was deeply involved in making it happen, a very democratic system and all the yes's that kept getting us there.
- Regarding the County and PHT relationship
  - Trust is very important to the County,
  - Posted David's position internally
  - Question was asked – is it possible that David's position could be eliminated?
- Goals
  - What do we do going forward - Roll out housing
  - First 1000 Days implementation
  - OWLT – running strong and moving forward, continue to support efforts and monitor
  - Conversation Advocacy and board of Health relations
  - Equity contract
- What else this year?
  - Advocacy
  - HEAL conversations
  - Sonia and others want to talk about access to care - BHO – closes July 1<sup>st</sup>. Impact will be huge
  - PHT – eyes on integration - how do we hone in to determine goals and role?

- Review of advocacy discussion:
  - Two ordinances have resulted from Trust work – that is a form of advocacy.
  - Desire to take on larger policies that align with work in 10 priority areas and BOH projects. , Timing and logistics are difficult
  - BOH –Commissioners believe the Trust work is advocacy work
  - The majority felt that there was more that PHT could do in the realm of advocacy
  - We have been talking occasionally over the year about our relationship to the with BOH. Spending time adjusting our advisory role with them may be more achievable in the near term then rolling out a new advocacy role
  - What happened to expansion of BOH concept? In Work session, commissioners welcomed plan. It wasn't possible within Code 12.38 – PH discovered a technical error in language which needs legal revision before we can address adding BOH members . Revisiting in late summer/ early fall.
  - Vaping ordinance – should have used the PHT in advisory role. PHT should have been involved from the start in order to move the process along. It was a missed opportunity.
- Bill suggested a PHT Workgroup on Policy and Advocacy
  - What are local initiatives for PHT to weigh in on?
  - with the Trust should engage Liz Lovelett as former trust member and now in Olympia to get her perspective

Members brainstormed the types of policy advocacy for Trust: vaping, Best Start for Kids, family health, housing, and ACES.

- Members also discussed what might be other forms of communication and interaction with the BOH. What would be helpful in advising them?
- Agenda for June
  - Housing video
  - Debrief Powerful Partnerships/Health Communities and consider it being an annual event. What is cost and work?
  - Equity contract with Tammy Dee
    - Looking at framework and models – plan that narrows to three or four that will work for framework and return to us in Steering
  - David come back and say a few words – Founders Award.

#### Updates/Requests

- John Stevens from Swinomish requested letter of support to the City of Anacortes. –Kristen wrote in support of the expansion at didg<sup>W</sup>alič Wellness Center. which includes 250 additional treatment spaces, dental, and child care services. Approved by Steering Committee.
- Brigid Collins – Letter of support for expanding Spanish-speaking Incredible Years program. Steering Committee approved.