



**POPULATION  
HEALTH TRUST**  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Board of Health**

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**PHT Steering Committee Meeting**

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**Monday September 9th, 2019 - 12:00pm-1:30pm**

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

**Present:** Sonia Garza, Bill Henkel, Mary McGoffin, Jennifer Johnson, Debra Lancaster and Kevin Murphy

**Staff:** Kristen Ekstran, Mimi Chimera

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## Minutes

- **Welcome, review of agenda, minutes from August were approved.**
  - **Equity** - Discussion of the Equity definition with examples from the CDC and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Committee reviewed both and discussed format and content for PHT
    - The Robert Wood Johnson
      - Coordinates and aligns with the principles for assessment and planning of the PHT
      - It's about systems, addresses poverty, and mentions discrimination
      - Broader and language easier to understand
    - CDC
      - Leaves out poverty but addresses racial discrimination
      - Bullet point format accessible for readers
  - Discussion on creating a Statement of Commitment/Value Statement specific to equity  
Activity: free-write re: "How do we choose to commit ourselves to equity?"
    - Discussion was held on the common elements:
      - PHT removes health disparities and obstacles that impede health.
      - Ensure that commitment and definition clarify how the committee will reduce barriers.
      - Like San Diego format with plain language and commitment spelled out.
  - Draft Statements to include:
    - Call out the activities where the Committee would apply health and equity
    - We work to change practices, structures, and policies, to realize health equity for all. We activity examine our roles in perpetuating in equitable systems. We

assume responsibility and challenge one another to be our best. We act with empathy and extend grace to ourselves and others.

- Pursue ambitious meaningful outcomes that lead to fair access and opportunity for all.
- We support a diverse network of leaders working together to end health and equity.
- Encourage our partners and stakeholders to do likewise
- We believe in dignity and humanity of all people
- Two part Vision discussion with one for the public and one internally.
  - Discussion that the internal statement should be self-reflective and include a statement of commitment. The public statement should be short and direct.
- Kristen will draft a PHT definition/Statement of Commitment and email it to the Committee for review.
- Annual Calendar discussion on keeping annual events at the same time each year to be organized and accountable.
- Housing Summit update – October 15, 2019, 3:00pm – 7:00pm.
  - Kevin shared Summit plans. Connie graciously agreed to serve as emcee. The agenda will include two keynote addresses, a panel discussion with the Mayors, and information tables by community organizations..
  - PHT – 2:30 and 3:15 – Jennifer and Kevin volunteered to assist with table that has PHT report and housing information.
- Review and confirmed agenda for October:
  - Retreat planning
  - Equity documents – review drafts, discuss, decide
  - Rocio's presentation (possibly)