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## **PHT Steering Committee Meeting**

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**Monday October 14th, 2019 - 12:00pm-1:30pm**  
**Skagit County Commissioner's Building, Copper Room**

**Present:** Connie Davis, Bill Henkel, Debra Lancaster and Kevin Murphy

**Staff:** Kristen Ekstran and Mimi Chimera

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### **Minutes**

**Welcome, review of agenda, and minutes from September were approved.**

#### **Announcements**

- Carol Hawk has resigned from the Population Health Trust (PHT) and Lindsey Case will be replacing her. Randy Elde is also retiring in January but plans on staying active with OWLT for six months.

Discussion was held to identify missing sectors within the Trust and to submit suggestions of individuals within those sectors. The committee can submit additional names and the nominees will be selected in December. Members discussed replacing Carol on the Steering Committee and suggested nominees to fill the open position.

- Missing sectors: built environment, long term care, west county representative, pharmacies, EMS, communications.
- Tribal partners – Kristen Ekstran will be following up them.

#### **Retreat planning**

Members reviewed the agenda and discussed the retreat plan.

- Debra stressed the importance of having paid staff in Public Health to provide project management and organization in support of PHT, to advance their work and progress in the community.
- An overview was suggested to discuss who the Trust is, its accomplishments and goals. This will be followed by Debra sharing an opinion piece regarding full time staff and the support from the Board of Health (BOH).
- Bill suggested using letter from PHT to the County Prosecutor in support of MAT in the justice center as an example of how the Trust can advocate for BOH interests.

- Steering would like an overview from the BOH about their priorities, their expectations with PHT members on the BOH and how they would like to partner with the PHT.
- Questions to ask the BOH:
  - Ask about their budgetary framework for the County, legislative platform, and how the PHT could influence that? Is there an indicator that PHT can work on to make change?
- Kristen will talk about the 2020 assessment in the morning session.
- Kristen suggested sharing an Overdose Death Indicator and the work that is being done to effect this indicator with Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in this county.
- Debra requested the opportunity to allow 1095, a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding children, to present an award. Graham Kerr will be presenting Dianne Smith, from WSU extension, with the Flash of Silver Award in appreciation of all her hard work with the 1095.
- The afternoon will be for PHT members only and will start with Kevin giving a presentation on housing incorporating context from the Summit, the GMA steering committee and the 5-year Homeless Housing plan .
- The PHT members will work to devise a universal Trust housing goal. An example is, “No one should be living outside, without healthy shelter.” The goal will then lead to strategies and actions. Discussion will include whether or not members agree on having universal goal for housing and what to start with?
- A suggestion was made to invite real estate developers to a PHT meetings for a discussion on what hinders them with build in Skagit County?

### **Review and confirmation of the December agenda**

- Debrief retreat and Live Well San Diego report

**Adjourn**

**Next meeting is November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Copper Room.**