



February 2, 2021

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Jessica Lee, Program Specialist, Developmental Disabilities

RE: Nomination for Initial Appointment to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

I am pleased to recommend Gina Bring, Raegan Miller, Caroline Applebee and Artemis Langford for initial appointment to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board. (DDAB) The DDAB nominating committee recommended their appointment on 1/28/21.

Gina is the parent of a child with a disability enrolled in the Blaine school district and brings this critical perspective to the board. As a parent she has had her own journey navigating complex social and educational systems and learning to advocate for her children. Her references describe Gina as thoughtful, welcoming, empathetic and a good listener.

Caroline has been working in the disability field for over 20 years and currently manages a local residential program for individuals with developmental disabilities. She is a board member with the state residential services association and brings a critical perspective as a direct service professional. Her references describe Caroline as a born leader with excellent skills at connecting people and building relationships.

Raegen brings experience as adjunct faculty at American University with a focus in federal education policy. He is currently seeking an endorsement in special education while substitute teaching throughout the county. Of particular interest is how we ensure that policy is informed by high quality research. His references indicate that he understands the challenges and interests of the disability community, is a skilled advocate and brings excellent analytical skills to complex topics.

Artemis is an active and engaged student at Western Washington University (WWU) who is currently an assistant for the student executive board. In addition, she was selected as a student research intern at the University of Wyoming as well as a page for the Wyoming House of Representatives. Artemis brings a valuable perspective as someone who experiences a disability, a commitment to equity and fairness and an appreciation for the bigger picture.



As you can see, these applicants provide valuable expertise in areas that will assist the Board in its work improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Thank you for considering this nomination for appointment.