WHATCOM COUNTY Health Department



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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 <u>Dana Weber</u> for initial appointment to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board. (DDAB) The DDAB nominating committee recommended his nomination on 3/5/21

Dana brings a valuable perspective as the adult sibling of a brother with disabilities as well as an employer who has hired and supervised individuals with disabilities. His past board experience includes membership with the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Whatcom County Tourism and Lodging Association boards. Described as patient and easy going he is particularly interested in ensuring that all individuals have equal access to opportunities in the community.

I am also pleased to recommend the re-appointment <u>Megen Porter</u> to the DDAB. Megen is the parent of a child with developmental disabilities and former co-chair of the Bellingham School District Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. (SEPAC) Her references describe her as curious, determined and innovative and particularly value her problem-solving skills.

As you can see, both Dana and Megen 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 these nominations for appointment.

