



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY ADVISORY GROUPS

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Name: Robyn Phillips-Madson, DO, MPH

Date: December 15, 2025



- 1a. Name of advisory group: **See next page** Public Health Advisory Board
- 1b. Which position are you applying for? **Refer to vacancy list** At Large Member
- 2. Do you meet the requirements of the position for which you're applying?
(If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) ----- () yes () no
- 3. Which Council district do you live in? ----- () One () Two () Three () Four () Five () Not Applicable
- 4. Have you ever been a member of this advisory group? ----- () yes () no
If yes, dates: 2023-2025
- 5. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any
business or agency that does business with Whatcom County? ----- () yes () no
If yes, please explain: _____
- 6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.005(8)) for a paid elected office in
any jurisdiction within the county? ----- () yes () no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

- 7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education.
(Abbreviated CV included.) As a physician, professor of family medicine and public health, director of an online MPH program, senior citizen, experienced family member caregiver, and resident of Blaine, my experience includes service on the Yakima County Health District Board, the Bexar County (TX) Health Collaborative, and the Whatcom County PHAB for the past 2 1/2 years. My education includes a BS in Pharmacy from the University of Washington, a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Michigan State University, an MPH from Nova Southeastern U, and a Health Policy Fellowship from Ohio University.
- 8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this advisory group: I've served on the PHAB for the past 2 1/2 years, and would like to continue. PHAB is transitioning to be more strategic in its work and fulfillment of its statutory duties and has made significant progress during the past year. It is a privilege working with the other PHAB members who are also committed to improving the health of Whatcom County's citizens. Thank you for your consideration!

References (please include daytime telephone number): Earlanda Williams, PhD: [REDACTED] (Sr. Assoc. Dean Academic Affairs UIW)
Genie James: [REDACTED] (VP Accreditation Operations, AOA)

My signature affirms that the information provided in this application is true and correct. If appointed, I will comply with the [Council & Executive Expectations of Advisory Group Members](#) and complete Open Government Training as required by RCW 42.30.205.

Signature of applicant: Robyn L. Phillips-Madson See next page for additional instructions.

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the above information will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

June 2024 – present	UIWSOM MPH Program Director
May 2020 – present	Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine (UIWSOM) 4301 Broadway, CPO #121 San Antonio, TX 78209 Courses: Community-Oriented Primary Care Program Planning and Evaluation Spirituality in Medicine class Interprofessional Education events Art and Observation MPH Capstone Faculty Advisor
August 1, 2022-present	Consultant to the Ulrich and Ruth Frank Foundation (www.NextGenU.org) Director of Medical Education
January 2014 – June 2022	Founding Dean, Chief Academic Officer UIWSOM 4301 Broadway, CPO 121 San Antonio, TX 78209
January 2014 – May 2020	Associate Professor of Family Medicine - UIWSOM
July 2009 - July 2013	Dean, Chief Academic Officer, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM) 200 University Parkway Yakima, WA 98901
January - July 2009	Interim Dean- PNWU-COM
December 2008 – 2012	Director of the Office of Global Health Education and Research, PNWU-COM
Nov 2007 - Oct 2011	Founding Assistant Dean of Clinical Sciences –PNWU (served both roles until new assistant dean was hired)
Nov 2007 - Jan 2009	Chair, PNWU-COM Dept. of Clinical Medicine
2007-2014	Assistant Professor Family Medicine PNWU-COM

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Course Director- CLIN 505, 506, (2008-2009) 605,
606- (2009-2010) Community and Behavioral
Medicine, and Medical Ethics, teaching the
following:

Poverty and Homelessness
Spirituality in Medicine
Medicare and Medicaid
Healthcare Systems
The Core Competencies
Honing Observational Skills through Study of Art
Cultural Competence
Journal Club Presentations
Primary Care Ethics

1994-2007	Lake Forest Park Medical Clinic Medical Director (7/1/01 - 7/31/07) (Northwest Hospital and Medical Center, now UW) Family Physician 17191 Bothell Way NE #205 Seattle, WA 98155 (206)364-8272
1980-1994	Solo Practice Family Physician in North Seattle
1975-1977	Hospital Clinical Pharmacist (Full-time 1975-76; part-time 1976-77) Northwest Hospital Seattle, WA
1970-1975	Pharmacy Intern, Technician, Clerk Typist Northwest Hospital Seattle, WA

EDUCATION- DEGREES AND CERTIFICATION

2009	Master of Public Health with Highest Honors Nova Southeastern University Ft. Lauderdale, FL
2005-2006	Health Policy Fellowship- AOA Certificate Program- Ohio University/NYIT COM
1995 - present	Board Certification Osteopathic Family Medicine

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1979-1980	Traditional Rotating Internship, Waldo General (Osteopathic) Hospital, Seattle, Washington
1979	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI Sigma Sigma Phi Osteopathic Honor Society
1975	B.S. Pharmacy (licensed RPh 1975-1980) University of Washington, Seattle, WA Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society Mortar Board Honor Society Chemistry Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, LICENSES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AND AFFILIATIONS

Washington State Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon License
#OP-00000870 (active) -1980 to present

Washington Osteopathic Medical Association- 1980- present
1st District Trustee (2000-2002)
Secretary (2002)
Vice President (2003)
President Elect (2004)
President (2005)
Immediate Past-President (2006)
Institutional Representative Board Member 2009-2013
Public Affairs Committee- 2002-2015
CME Committee- 2000 to 2015

WOMA Liaison to Washington State Governor Gregoire Blue
Ribbon Commission on Health Care Access and Cost- 2006

WOMA Representative appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire
to the Robert Bree Collaborative- 2011-2013

Texas Osteopathic Medical Association- 2014- 2022

Texas Medical Association- 2019-2022

American Osteopathic Association

- 1980- present
 - Lifetime membership granted in 2023.

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- WOMA Delegate to AOA House of Delegates -2007-2013
- TOMA Delegate to AOA HOD 2014-2022
- Osteopathic Education Reference Committee HOD
 - 2008, 2009, 2010
- Public Affairs Reference Committee HOD- 2012
- Ad Hoc Reference Committee- 2013

American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians- 1995-present

- Lifetime membership granted in 2023.

King County Medical Society- 1980- present

Bexar County Medical Society- 2016- 2022

- Academic board member- 2016-2022

Northwest Hospital Medical Staff, Seattle, WA – 1980- 2010

Swedish Hospital Medical Staff- 1980- 1994

Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation Regional Board
Member (Washington Representative) 2006-2009

- Grants/Scholarship Committee; Outreach Committee.
- NW Confluence Planning Committee- 2006-2009
- NWOMF Confluence moderator 2008, 2009

Osteopathic Foundation of Central WA Board- 2010 -2012

Yakima Health District Community Board- 2010-2013

AACOM Board of Deans 2009-2013, 2015-2022

- Bylaws Committee 2011-2013
- Osteopathic Education Center Committee 2011
- Rep on COCA Standards Review Coalition 2011-2015
- Representative to Beyond Flexner Alliance 2017-2021
- Member of AACOM CEO Search Committee 2018-19
- Executive Committee- at-large member 2019- 2022
- Finance Committee- 2011-2013, 2018-2022
- Ethics Committee- 2020-2022

COCA Evaluator 2016-2017

Commissioner, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation
(COCA) 2017- present

- CCAT Committee 2017-2019
- Data Review Committee 2019-2023

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- o Nominations Committee 2020-present (Chair 2023-2025)
- o Executive Committee 2020-present
- o Med Ed Quality Task Force -- 2023
- o COCA JOOL AI Subgroup -2024-present
- o Standards Review Committee -- 2023-present
- o Vice Chair -- 2023-2025
- o Chair- 2025-present

Christian Medical and Dental Association 2017-present

- o Lifetime Member 2024-present

Christian Academic Physicians 2020-present

Whatcom County Public Health Advisory Board- June 2023-present.

PHAB Communications Subcommittee 2024-present

AWARDS, RECOGNITION

Who's Who in American Women 1991-1992

2007 Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation Founder's Award: *"In recognition of a professional and personal commitment to osteopathic medicine in Seattle, WA, and to quality-of-life health care for the people of Guatemala"*

Washington Osteopathic Medical Association 2007 Physician of the Year

Chancellor's Award, Nova Southeastern University COM/Public Health, May 2009: *For demonstrating the characteristics of scholarship, leadership, integrity, humanity, and loyalty to the profession.*

PNWU-COM Professionalism Award (awarded annually by students to faculty/administrator)- 2011, 2012, 2013.

AOA Honor Roll: Guardian of the Profession- 2013

Fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Family Physicians, March 2015

The Patient Institute Irving Ratner, MD Memorial Award 2018

"San Antonio Movers and Shakers" Station 930- October 2, 2019

San Antonio Business Journal "Health Care Hero in Education," September 2020.

Board of Brooks Development resolution for service to the Brooks community and \$5000 UIWSOM scholarship in the name of Robyn Phillips-Madson, DO. May 2022, upon my retirement as dean.

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ADDITIONAL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Solo Family Practice Owner, Seattle, WA 1980-1994

Consultant to Proactive Health Team, a for-profit company with a mission to empower and educate healthcare consumers (2005-2006)

Co-owner of a family-owned business in the United States, New Zealand, and Mexico: 1980-2000. Skills and activities included strategic planning, accounting, team management, conflict resolution, communication, presentations in the US, Canada, and Mexico, and organizing and speaking at meetings and conferences for groups of 20 to 10,000.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Preceptor and mentor for medical, nursing, and PA students at solo practice and Lake Forest Park Medical Clinic 1981-2007

Fundraiser for Easter Seals 1988-1998

Member of Churchome, Kirkland, WA

Speaker for various organizations regarding health, stress management, marriage, and medical missions, 1980 - present.

Co-founder and board member of Reach Beyond Borders, a 501(c)3 organization sending medical/dental, education, and construction teams to Guatemala and Thailand- 2000 - present.

Leader of RBB Medical-Dental Mission Teams 2000-2017, collaborating with Guatemalan doctors and dentists to support medical/dental clinics in Guatemala.

Yakima YWCA Table Captain for Battered Women's Shelter Fundraiser- 2008

Co-founder and Co-chair of the Yakima Valley Vaccine Preventable Disease Coalition- 2009-2011 (Central Washington Preventable Disease Coalition)

DOCARE Board Member 2010-2015; Treasurer 2013-2015

Washington State Community Forums Network Member 2013

Member of HealthCell (San Antonio, TX) awards jury- 2014

CHRISTUS Health Foundation Board- 2016-2020 with service on Grants and Nomination subcommittees

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PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

AOA Health Policy Fellowship Briefs:

- 1) Genetic Nondiscrimination Bill 2006
- 2) "Problems with PEPFAR" presented at AOA Bureau on Federal Health Programs meeting, September 29, 2006

"Medical Missions 101"- WOMA Annual Seminar, June 2007

"Medical Education in the Northwest" – Alaska Osteopathic Medical Association Mary Koch Conference, Girdwood, AK, February 1, 2008.

Co-author of "Effects of Histology and Grade of Ovarian Cancer on the Outcome of Treatments," a study partly funded through the HPD Research Grant for Florida Cancer Registry Analysis 2004-2007, Presented at NOVA Southeastern University Research Day, April 2008

Co-author of Primary Care White Paper for AOA, Fall, 2009

"Medical Education Update"- Idaho Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Spring Meeting – April 25, 2008

"Medical Education Update" – Alaska Osteopathic Medical Association, Summer Conference, June 21, 2008.

Co-Chair and Moderator of WOMA Fall Seminar, September 20, 2008, PNWU-COM, Yakima, WA

Presenter on the panel for AACOM workshop on the "Osteopathic International Coalition" at AACOM conference, April 18, 2009

Roundtable presenter: "Training Rural Physicians," Northwest Rural Health Conference, April 2010.

Featured dean on AACOM Recruitment Video 2012

Additional Medical Education Presentations (partial list):
WOMA Annual Conferences- 2010, 2011, 2012
Seattle Gynecological Society, September 10, 2010
WAFP Meetings 2010, 2011, 2012

2014 Program Chair of the AACOM Annual Conference, Washington DC

"Current Directions and Innovations in Medical Education," June 6, 2014, TOMA Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

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"A New Socially Accountable Osteopathic Medical School: The Myth of a Blank Slate" – presentation with a panel of deans of new medical schools at Beyond Flexner 2015: The Social Mission of Medical Education, April 14, 2015.

"Holistic Training of Medical Students" presentation at *Heal the Healer SA* Conference, September 12, 2015.

"Practical Applications of Social Accountability in Osteopathic Medical Education" – presentation with Shafik Dharamsi, PhD, April 8, 2016, AACOM Annual Conference.

Phillips-Madson, R, Dharamsi, S. Osteopathic Medical Education and Social Accountability. *AOA*. 2016;116 (4):202-206.

Advisory committee member, George Washington University/RWJ grant for developing social mission metrics for health professional schools, May 2016-2018.

Washington Osteopathic Medical Association Annual Conference, June 26, 2016, presentations on "Leadership" and "Transitioning Out of Clinical Care."

Texas Osteopathic Medical Association Annual Conference, August 6, 2016, presentation on "Principles of Precepting: A Short Course for Community Volunteers," with Drs. Peska and Nash of UNT-TCOM.

"A New Socially Accountable Osteopathic Medical School: The Myth of a Blank Slate" – primary presenter with Sharon Gustowski, DO, April 26, 2017, AACOM Annual Conference

"Transitioning out of Clinical Care." Washington Osteopathic Medical Association Annual Conference, May 6, 2017

OMED, October 7, 2017; AACOM/AOA Health Policy Fellowship poster judge

"Medical Education as an Agent of Change" – keynote presentation at the Final Acts Project/Oblate Theological Seminary Conference on Spirituality and Healthcare, October 12, 2017.

Hosted/assisted/coordinated speakers for the Rural Health Seminar of the AOA Health Policy Fellowship at the UIWSOM April 6-8, 2018.

Research poster judge at Wright-Patterson Air Force Residency in Aerospace Medicine, Dayton, OH. Commemoration of the 55th Anniversary of President Kennedy's dedication of Brooks Air Force Base, November 2018.

Subject: Re: Additional Info requested for your application to the Public Health Advisory Board
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 4:24:54 PM

Hello Jill,

Thank you for your email. Below is the requested information.

Dear Whatcom County Council Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to share additional information. Following is my experience and expertise in the areas listed in the County Code:

- i. **Healthcare access and quality;** 27 years of practice in family medicine; 8 years oversight of a university student clinic. I've served on various healthcare quality control and improvement committees throughout my career.
- ii. **Physical environment, including built and natural environments;** As founding dean of a medical school built on the former USAF School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio, TX, I had co-oversight of asbestos abatement and renovation of four buildings totalling over 155,000 square feet. Included were spaces enhancing health and wellness of the learning community. I also supervised the handling of biohazardous materials and waste used in medical care, education, and research. I led the establishment of community gardens on university campuses in Yakima and the Southside of San Antonio.
- iii. **Social and economic sectors, including housing, basic needs, education, and employment;** Since 2007, I've worked in higher education at medical schools in Yakima, WA, and San Antonio, TX. I'm currently a professor of family medicine and public health and the UIWSOM's Master of Public Health Program Director. While practicing, I mentored pre-med, medical, nursing, and PA students. I've participated in public health/population-related programs and community health assessments. I currently chair the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation which accredits all osteopathic medical schools and met with HHS Secretary Kennedy in September to discuss strengthening nutrition standards in medical education. Lived experience includes years of caregiving for my parents, advocating for a profoundly deaf sister with Parkinson's Disease, as a recent caregiver for my husband who is a disabled veteran, and as a senior citizen myself.
- iv. **Business and philanthropy;** owned a wholesale/retail business with my husband for several decades; have extensive fundraising experience for non-profit organizations and universities.
- v. **Communities that experience health inequities;** I was the faculty advisor of a group of medical students reopening and expanding the Yakima Union Gospel Mission Care Center (medical and dental care) which was closed for several years. To strengthen primary care access in rural areas, I led the establishment of family medicine and internal medicine residency programs at Skagit Regional Hospital. I established a medical school on the Southside of San Antonio in an underserved Hispanic community experiencing poverty and serious health inequities. I developed community, governmental, and health system relationships which resulted in the formation of residencies in family medicine, internal medicine, and psychiatry on the Southside of San Antonio; and built strong relationships with Laredo Regional Medical Center and a local FQHC resulting in family medicine and internal medicine residency programs there. These programs have significantly increased healthcare

access and quality in underserved areas. I applied for and received a grant for a mobile clinic in San Antonio for the medical school's Street Medicine Program. I'm a member of the Social Mission Alliance (<https://socialmission.org/>) which supports initiatives to reduce health inequities. I co-founded a non-profit organization serving vulnerable populations in Guatemala and have led outreach teams there over the past 25 years.

vi. **Government;** Served on the Yakima Health District Board of Health as a citizen member (2009-2013); Bree Collaborative member (2011-2013); served on the COVID-19 response team collaborative with San Antonio and Bexar County officials (2020-2022). Member of WC PHAB from 6/2023-present.

vii. **Tribal communities and tribal government:** partnered with the Puyallup Tribal Health Authority while dean at the Pacific Northwest University College of Osteopathic Medicine, resulting in the establishment of the PTHA family medicine residency program.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have additional questions. Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration of my application for reappointment to the PHAB.

Sincerely,

Robyn

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