

Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group 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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First Name	Frank
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Last Name	James
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Today's Date	11/22/2024
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Street Address	
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City	
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
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Primary Telephone	
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Secondary Telephone	
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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Planning Commission
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Group

2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 1
4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	I was appointed to and will complete the term of Kim Lund that expires on 31st of Jan 2025. And would like to now apply for a full term.
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?	No
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	Attached
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or	Physician, Director and Health Officer for Whatcom County, San Juan County and the Lummi Nation. Also taught public health at UW Seattel and Global Health at Yand Ming University School of Medicine (Taipei, Taiwan). I was the first phyician employed at Unity Care (Interfaith Clinic) and was the Medical Director for nearly a decade. My family has been in the building industry for

community activities,
and education

many years (father, brother in law/sister, two of my sons and myself- prior to going to medical school).

8. Please describe why
you're interested in
serving on this
Advisory Group.

The Planning Commission has a critical role to play at a critical time in our community. Changes in the environment, very rapid growth, demanding social and economic changes in our community, our region, state and nation make growth and development issues that demand serious and detailed efforts to find the best way forward for all the people in our County.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Rud Brown (former County Councilman) 360 820-9494
Seth Fleetwood (former Mayor Bellingham) 360 739-1284
Rick Dubrow (former owner A1 Builders) 360 319-3705

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Frank James

Place Signed /
Submitted



(Section Break)

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EDUCATION

High School Wilson High, Tacoma WA (Attended University of Washington for two summers as a full-time student while in high school).

Undergraduate **BA, Magna Cum Laude**

Fairhaven College and University of Washington 69-73
(overall GPA 3.74, premedical courses GPA 3.86)

Distinguished Alumni Award 2012

Graduate School **PhD candidate**, Boston University, Socio-linguistics. 74-75

Medical Degree **MD**, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 79-84

Honors: Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Surgery, Psychiatry,
Trauma-Emergency Medicine, Alcoholism Treatment and
Immunology.

Outstanding Community Service Award: selected by classmates.

Scholarships: W. Hunter Simpson Scholarship, Frank McCleary
Medical Scholarship, University of Washington School of
Medicine Scholarship.

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship: US Public Health Service, Pre-Doctoral
Training Grant, University of Washington School of Medicine.
“Non-Traditional Therapies: Identification and Evaluation of
Often-Used Medicinal Plants in a Community Setting.”

LICENSURE

MD University of Washington, Seattle 6/84
Residency, Providence Medical Center 84-87
Permanent licensure, Washington State #00022929

Diplomat, National Board of Medical Examiners 7/85
Diplomat, American Board of Family Practice 9/87
Recertified, American Board of Family Practice 7/05
Advanced Trauma Life Support Certification 10/87
Advanced Cardiac Life Support Recertification 2/88

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 9-2023- present Health Officer, Lummi Nation 2592 Kwina Rd, Bellingham, WA 98226.
(360) 384-0464. Three days per week
- 5-2023 - present Staff physician and public health consultant at Swinomish Tribe.
17400 Reservation Rd, La Conner, WA 98257 [\(360\) 466-3167](tel:3604663167)
- 1992 - present **School of Public Health, University of Washington**
1959 Northeast Pacific Street, Seattle, WA 98195 (206) 616-2930
- Clinical Professor, Health Services**
Teaching, research and community partnerships development.
Assists in teaching a variety of courses mainly in outbreak investigation, health assessment and health policy. A variety of research projects most recently primary investigator in PCR diagnostic test for Hepatitis C virus infections. Leader in Kellogg Grant which brought together very diverse racial and ethnic groups in community-based health promotion initiative. Offer practicum supervision for MPH candidates in projects in Thailand, India, China, Kenya, East Timor, Taiwan and the San Juan Islands.
- 1995 - present **American Alpine Institute**
1513 12th Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 (360) 671-1505
Consultant on international travel and mountaineering medicine.
- 1-2013 - present Travel Medicine Northwest, Medical Director
1108 11th Street Bellingham WA 98225
Full spectrum pre- and post-travel services 2 days each week
www.travelmedicinew.com, travelmedicinew@gmail.com
360 797-5171 FAX 650 731-5611
- 6-2007 - present **Nooksack Tribe, Health Officer**
4971 Deming Road - P.O. Box 157 - Deming WA 98244
(360) 592-0135 FAX (360) 592-9500
- 1992 - 2023 **San Juan County Health & Community Services Department**
145 Rhone, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 (360) 378-4474 FAX (360) 378-7036
- 6/92 - 6/94 Health Officer and Director

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		Direct supervision of 28 personnel and clinical supervision of 13 programs. Expanded and reorganized department and assisted County Commissioners in hiring a new Director.
6/94 - 2023		Health Officer (onsite 8 hours per week in San Juan Islands) Continue to provide clinical supervision and policy direction for all clinical programs in both personal and environmental health 24/7.
2021 - 2022	29 March 2021 to 30 Sept 2022	Island Hospital, Orcas Primary Care Clinic, Medical Director and Family Medicine Provider 7 Deye Ln, Eastsound, WA 98245 360 376-2562
		Medical Director and staff physician. Rebuilding clinic after new management from two prior island clinics under the Public Healthcare District, Orcas Island. Supervision of all clinical staff 3 physicians, 3 physicians assistants and 1 ARNP. Numerous RN's, LPN's and MA staff. Established all policies and procedures in cooperation with new clinic manager and staff team. Brought stability and growth to new rural and remote island clinic.
2-2012 to 11-2021		Orchard Clinic (formerly miCare), Staff physician 809 W. Orchard Drive Suite #4 Bellingham WA 98225 360 318-7345 FAX 360 318-7344 Two days per week
2001- 2007		Colonial Pipeline Company 1185 Sanctuary Parkway Suite 100, Alpharetta GA 30004-4738 Consultant on safety and health promotion/disease prevention.
2001 - 2010		Cascadia Cancer Prevention Cancer Center St. Josephs Hospital Bellingham WA 98225 3217 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham WA 98225 (360) 738-6756 Primary Investigator for SELECT Prostate Cancer prevention trial for the Bellingham site, funded by National Institute of Health in cooperation with Southwest Oncology Group
5-2006 - 7-2007		Nooksack Tribal Clinic, Medical Director 6760 Mission Rd, Everson WA
1990 - 2005		Opportunity Council, Interfaith Family Health Center (Unity Care) 220 Unity Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 (360) 676-8606 FAX (360) 671-3574
	6/90 - 7/96	Medical Director Clinical supervision of Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Medical Assistants.

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- 7/96 - 5/01 **Medical Director and Family Practice Clinician (25 hr/week)**
- Direct clinical supervision of staff and volunteer physicians, ARNPs, nursing staff, medical assistants and psychologist. Also direct provision of primary care and primary investigator on research projects. Developed this clinic, which accepts all patients regardless of their ability to pay, from a single ARNP to 4 ARNPs, six MDs and seven dentists over 11 years.
- 5/01 - 1/05 **Staff Physician, on call (up to 20 hrs /week)**
- Provision of direct clinical services to full range of patients in community clinic setting. While primary working internationally
- 1989 - 1998 **Whatcom County Department of Health and Human Services**
509 Girard Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 (360) 676-6720 FAX (369) 676-7646
- 8/89 - 7/96 **Health Officer and Director, Public Health Department**
- Direct clinical supervision of staff and administrative direction of department. Built department from 32 to over 80 employees and developed budget from \$2.2 million to over \$5 million annually. And direct patient care in Travel, STD, Well Child and TB.
- 7/96- 4/98 **Health Officer, Health and Human Services (30 hrs/week)**
- Responsibility for clinical supervision of department, enforcement of county, state and federal public health regulations in both personal and environmental health. Provide consultation to medical community and the public on communicable disease and other public health issues. Direct care to patients in communicable disease clinic and international travel clinic.
- 1987 - 1989 **United States Public Health Service, Lieutenant Commander**
Comprehensive Health Care Facility, Crownpoint NM 87313 (505) 786-5291
- 8/87 - 6/88 **Staff Physician**
- Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Coordinator, Diabetes Program, Pueblo Pinatado Clinic Staff.
- 6/88 - 7/89 **Director, Community and Preventive Health Services**
- Direct supervision of over 40 staff nurses, sanitarians, TB workers, social hygiene workers, dentists, dental hygienists, health promotion/disease prevention community outreach

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workers, community health representatives and diabetes control staff.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 11-2018 - 9-2023 Chuckanut Community Forest Park District, Commissioner. Elected Commissioner, selected at President of Board by other Commissioners Jan 2019. Oversees implementation of the preservation of the large urban forest in our community.
- 10-2009- present **Northwest Indian College, Institutional Review Board (IRB), member**
Center for Health, 2522 Kwina Rd Bellingham, WA 98226 360-392-4237
Reviewing and approving human subject research proposals to protect the safety and security of the participants and the community.
- 1999 - 2020 **Institute for Village Studies** (<http://villagestudies.org>) Board of Directors and President of BOD

IVS organizes service-learning projects mostly in Central America and Asia for college students. They have been working in Belize for since 1999 and India and Thailand since 2001. Community assessment is done in a creative asset based process that meets the community at the place where the community defines what its goals and objectives are and students and staff of IVS find ways to help make those goals achievable. For example in Belize the tutoring project that the community wanted has led to an increase of Mayan students passing the entrance exam for high school from 10% to over 90%.
- 6-2006 - 2022 **Responsible Development** (<http://www.rdnw.org/>) Founder, Board of Directors, President of BOD. A 501c3 Not for Profit Corp, the mission of which is to preserve the high quality of life that *defines* Bellingham. We believe in taking proactive steps to ensure responsible development within our community as our population grows. Included in the mission are active efforts to support neighborhood planning; to incorporate public input into planning for growth; to ensure that significant recreational lands, natural corridors, and wildlife habitat areas are preserved; to acquire and maintain public parks, trails, and natural open-space throughout our city; and to require accountability from our city officials. Preserved 88 Acre Chuckanut Community Forest.
- 2009 to Present **Jhamtse International** (<https://www.jhamtse.com>)
Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Lead medical consultant.

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Jhamtse Gatsal Children's Community is a home and school for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in the Lumla District in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, in mountainous northeastern India.

Jhamtse Gatsal opened in the summer of 2006, Dr James has been deeply involved since 2009.

- 9-2013 to 5-2016 **Center for Environmental Law & Policy** (<http://www.celp.org/>)
Board of Directors.
CELP is a statewide organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and restore Washington's waters through education, policy reform, agency advocacy, and public interest litigation.
- 2010 - 2014 **Health Equity and Social Justice Committee, National Association of City and County Health Organizations.**
(<http://www.naccho.org/>)
HESJC is national group that assists healthcare providers in recognizing the importance of the social determinants of health and works toward social equity in the United States.
- 2006 - 2011 **Northwest Washington Indian Health Board**
(<http://indianhealthboard.org/>) Member, Representing Nooksack Tribe
1400 King Street Suite 104 Bellingham WA 98225
- 1998 - 2008 **Foundation for International Health Care Board of Directors**
9608 SE 40th St, Mercer Island, WA 98040

A 501c3 that is committed to assisting organizations and individuals that would like to provide material support for programs in other countries to improve health care. FIHC does so by serving as a connection between our communities and those in other places around the world. Significant donations have been facilitated to India, Thailand, Eritrea and others.
- 1998 - 2006 **ReSources** (<http://www.re-sources.org>) Board of Directors, President
BOD 2005
1155 N State St Suite 623, Bellingham, WA, 98225. 360-733-8307

ReSources has for the past 30 years provided leadership to the region in recycling, environmental education and environmental advocacy. Annually ReSources runs about \$500,000 in grants and contracts for environmental education and action on one side and on the other runs two model businesses that recycle buildings and building materials from deconstruction to sale of materials both in Bellingham and Seattle. Together the ReStores generate about \$500,000 in sales each year.

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2000 - 2003

Urgent Africa (<http://www.urgentafrica.org/>) Board of Director
P.O. Box 12035, Seattle, WA 98102 206-726-3459

Urgent Africa provides health services, education and support to widows and orphans, as well as works in cooperation with Majiwa village, Kenya to build healthy and self-sufficient communities with a sustainable economy.

2002 - 2004

Spring Street International School
(<http://www.springstreet.org/>) Board of Trustees 505 Spring St Friday Harbor, WA 98250 (360) 378-6393

Spring Street School opened in the fall of 1995 in response to the interest of students and parents seeking a rigorous academic program responsive to the skill levels and interests of individual students. The school is approved by the Washington State Board of Education to serve students in grades 5 through 12. The school seeks to promote a balance for students between an intensive academic program and experiential education, including field trips, wilderness experiences and an overseas service-learning. We believe the exposure our students receive to a wide range of experiences helps keep the isolation of island living from imposing limitations on their choices in life.

1999 - 2003

SAFE Bellingham (<http://www.safebellingham.org/>) Founder and Steering Committee

The day after a gasoline pipeline exploded killing 3 in our community on June 10th this group was founded by Dr James. He raised over \$60,000 to support its work in the first year, helped to put on a national conference in WA DC, spoken out to community and industry locally and nationally. SAFE manages a national list serve on the topic and helped to pass federal legislation to reform the pipeline industry. Ultimately over \$100 million in fines were assessed the responsible parties and 3 of 4 corporate executive went to prison.

1998-1999

Computers for Kids founding Board of Directors

Recycling computers for lower-income families with school-age children

1996 - 1997

Beyond Greenways (Ballot Proposition 1) Steering Committee

Provided leadership to this two year effort that provides for \$20 million to be put towards parks and open space with the City of Bellingham.

1983

Delegate Representing the United States to the Third World Congress of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, Amsterdam. (In 1985 this group received the Nobel Peace Prize)

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Photography

<http://vsonoma.com/past-shows/james/index.html>

<https://www.adventuresnw.com/the-delta-blues-high-above-the-salish-sea/>

Interviews with John Bowey (Transmediavision)

COVID Interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-6oIPo9Qoc&t=4s>

COVID “Day in the Life” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEY5P6g2VdU>

AFFILIATIONS

Member	American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
	International Society of Travel Medicine
	International Union for Health Promotion and Education
	Washington State Association of Local Health Officials
	Washington State Public Health Association
President	Whatcom County Medical Society (1999)
Delegate	Washington State Medical Association (numerous years)
National Vice-President	American Medical Student Association (1983-1984)
President	University of Washington Medical Student Association (1980 and 1981)

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