



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AS THE HEALTH BOARD

10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 30th, 2021
Virtual

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AGENDA ITEM #4: *Update on Racial Equity Meeting with Boards/Commissions*

PRESENTER: *Steve Bennett and Leah Wainman, PHAB*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion FYI - Only

Last year the Whatcom County Health Board passed [Resolution 2020-054](#) declaring racism as a public health crisis. With the passing of the resolution the Health Board committed to “promoting policies and practices that reflect a conscious effort to ensure racial equity, equity of access and service and further to ensure the equitable treatment of all people, regardless of race or ethnicity.” And as an advisory board to the Health Department and the Health Board, it is important for the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) to also work to examine and reflect on our board composition, culture, policies, and procedures, ensuring we too are equitable and actively anti-racist.

As part of this continued examination and in an attempt to understand the efforts of all Health Department boards and committees, the PHAB Racial Equity Sub-Committee convened representatives and staff facilitators from the Health Department’s various boards and committees. The meeting, held on October 27, gave participants time to share current practices and discuss opportunities to advance racial equity through increased diversity, community engagement, and use of racial equity tools.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

(include data or information about how topic impacts or could impact equity, including racial equity)

The PHAB Racial Equity Sub-Committee is working directly on ways to advance racial equity through changes in policies and practices within PHAB, and the Health Department. We hope to advance this work through continued connections with representatives from the other Health Department boards and commissions.

BOARD ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Update/Discussion only

ATTACHMENT(S)

None





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AGENDA ITEM #5: *Update on Way Station Planning*

PRESENTERS: *Chris Kobdich, Rachel Lucy, Michael Parker, Teri Bryant, Tyler Schroeder, Rob Ney, Trever Speidel*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion FYI - Only

The Way Station will be home to a variety of co-located services that will provide a cost-effective approach to improving health outcomes for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and filling identified gaps in the care continuum. Community Partners from Unity Care, PeaceHealth, and the Opportunity Council, along with County staff, will give an update on funding and project planning for the Way Station.

EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

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The purpose of the Way Station is to serve vulnerable populations in Whatcom County.

BOARD ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Update/Discussion only

ATTACHMENT(S)

None