



HEALTH BOARD Discussion Form

February 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM #: 2

PRESENTER: Sterling Chick, PHAB Chair

BOARD ACTION: Action Item ☒ Discussion FYI - Only

Changes in PHAB

- After an incredible job of chairing PHAB the past year, Dr. Chi-Na Stoane has left PHAB
- At the January 7th meeting, PHAB elected Sterling Chick as Chair and Steve Bennett as Vice-chair
- Two new members were put forth: Dr. Amy Harley to represent *Health Care Access & Quality* and Jacob Anderson to represent *Community Member with Lived Experience*

2021 PHAB priorities – the theme is inequity

- The Child & Family Action Plan launched the creation of a Child and Family Well Being Task Force. PHAB elected Sterling Chick to serve as PHAB's representative.
- PHAB formed a subcommittee on Racial Equity for the following tasks: identify ways to support county government in advancing racial equity, review GARE resources, and consider ways to advance the spirit of the resolution within PHAB policies and membership recruitment. Leah Wainman, Steve Bennett, and Lindsey Karas volunteered.
- COVID-19: PHAB is concerned about how unequally the pandemic is affecting the residents of Whatcom County. PHAB is interested in regular updates about vaccine availability and about how COVID affects behavioral health, food and housing security, and access to medical care as the true wreckage left by the pandemic becomes clearer.

BOARD ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

- Discuss as needed