

# Community Equity Advisory Board

March 14, 2023  
Noon - 1:30 pm  
Teams

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- Attendees:** John Agyapong, DanVon'ique Bletson-Reed, Kurtis Enick, Giselle Zapata-Garcia, Van Kuno, Lika Smith, Amelia Bai, Mindy Woods
- Absent:** Rocio Castillo-Foell, Heather McGuinness (NorthSound ACH), Clarence Shaw, Taniela Tokailagi
- Guests:**
- District Staff:** Nicole Thomsen, Samara Heydon, Pia Sampaga-Khim, Abby Jernberg, Abi Sauer, Dennis Worsham, Dr. James Lewis

## Meeting Notes

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### Minutes

Minutes not available for approval. January minutes should be drafted and available for April meeting.

### Discussion – CEAB Vision and Opportunities

Dennis Worsham provided an introduction to himself including his values on equity and it's importance to public health. Dennis is evaluating all opportunities for strengthening the work of public health and community. To best inform any discussion three questions are being asked today:

- What is the CEAB purpose?
- How best to leverage community and the CEAB to move public health forward?
- What is doing well and not so well in the CEAB?

Members provided the following comments:

- Purpose is advising the health district/department
- Going well – diversity of voices in the board
- Challenger – Feeling like a check box
- Vision – having two-sided dialogue, engagement and action
- Going well – data updates
- Need – differently abled voices to join the Board
- Need – money
- Need – regional PH equity voice. Many organizations serve the whole state and participating in each counties equity board is a challenge.
- Idea – merge with the Snohomish County Equity Partnership (3 community colleges, 2 banks, etc). Many of the CEAB members are at several county equity initiatives. They should be centralized and not over burden the community.
- CEAB needs to be more transactional at this stage.

Dennis provided his contact information requesting that further thoughts and comments be shared.

**Update - Community Health Assessment**

Pia noted that the Community Health Assessment is in the writing up and review phase. Additional updates will be provided. And once public a presentation is provided to the board and additional community groups.

**Health Officer's Report**

Dr. Lewis provided a presentation about latest health trends focusing on opioids, Mpox, COVID, RSV, and Flu. A copy of the slides was provided following the meeting.

Members requested a presentation on long-COVID. Components of interest are support, access to disability services/designations, and how the CEAB can assist with moving some ideas forward.

**Next Meeting**

April 11, noon - 1:30PM via Teams