

Community Equity Advisory Board

November 14, 2023
Noon - 1:00 pm
Zoom meeting

Attendees: Kurtis Enick, Van Kuno, Clarence Shaw, Giselle Zapata-Garcia,

Absent: John Agyapong, Amelia Bai, DanVon'ique Bletson-Reed, Lika Smith, Taniela Tokailagi, Mindy Woods

Department

Staff: Nicole Thomsen, Pia Sampaga-Khim, Abi Sauer, Kelly Grimsley,

Meeting Notes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Nicole Thomsen at 12:05. The meeting was held via Zoom video conference. There was not a quorum present.

Update – New Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Lead staff position

Nicole announced the new Health Equity Policy Analyst position was posted with the Health Department and they received over 40 applicants. The 1st round of interviews will be held virtually on 11/28. Kurtis, Mindy and Giselle had previously volunteered for the interview panel. Nicole will send invites to all members with details about the full day interviews and who is able to attend.

Board of Health October Presentation

Clarence Shaw presented to the Board of Health on October 10, 2023. Clarence felt the Equity Board information was important to be presented. The Board members were very receptive to the information and asked a lot of questions.

Update – Board Member Recruitment

Nicole updated the application for new board members after discussion with the current board members last month. The updates were completed and translated into Spanish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, and Korean. Other translations will be completed soon. The application will be launched on the Equity Boards website hopefully by the end of November or beginning of December.

2024 Work Plan

The group decided to begin working on the 2024 work plan after the new Health Equity Policy Analyst position is hired and on board.

Board of Health Gratitude Event - December 12th, 2023

During the current Board of Health scheduled meeting on December 12th, there will be a gratitude event with light refreshments between 3:00 – 5:00 pm. It will be held at the Snohomish Health Department building on the 1st floor Auditorium. All Equity Board members are invited along with the Public Health Advisory Council (who are no longer an entity), the Health District Board of Health, the current Board of Health members and the Health Department Leadership team.

Next Meeting

January 9, 2024, 12:00 - 1:30PM via Zoom
December meeting cancelled.