

Community Equity Advisory Board

June 10, 2025
Noon - 1:30 pm
Zoom meeting

Attendees: Lidia Elala, Kurtis Enick, Van Kuno, Lika Smith, Dr. Rabi Yunusa, Giselle Zapata-Garcia

Absent: John Agyapong, DanVon'ique Bletson-Reed, Mindy Woods

Department

Staff: Nicole Thomsen, Helen Wong, Kelly Grimsley

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Helen Wong at 12:07. The meeting was held via Zoom video conference. There was a quorum present.

Discussion:

Dennis Worsham, Snohomish County Health Department Director since January 2023 accepted Governor Bob Ferguson's appointment as Washington's new Secretary of Health effective July 7, 2025. The interim director position will be shared between the current deputy director and the health officer until a new Department Director is hired. Nicole Thomsen reported that the department will work quickly to post the position, but it will be several months before someone is hired. CEAB members expressed a desire to be involved in the interviews.

Board of Health Announcement:

There is a vacancy on the Snohomish County Board of Health for a consumer member. It will be advertised in the next week and applications are available. Members on the CEAB or any other committee/board can only be on one board at the time.

Focus Group:

Helen Wong reported that the department has been working on systems change with our community compensation with the County. The department has the opportunity for some FPH funds to compensate referred community members to take part in a focus session before the end of June 2025. The CEAB members will be invited to participate and provide feedback on the department's strategic plan. It will be a one-hour virtual meeting and more information, including the compensation amount will be provided soon. The Upstream Consultant Group will be facilitating the project.

CEAB New Applicant – Meet and Greet:

Trey Sutherland applied to be a member of the Community Equity and Advisory Board. The application was shared with all members and the applicant was invited to participate in the last half of the board meeting today. Everyone introduced themselves and shared their motivations for participating in the group with a focus on equity efforts and community roles. Members present at the meeting voted unanimously to accept Trey's application and invite him as a board member.

Next Meeting

July 8, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00PM via Zoom