

## **DRAFT Meeting Notes**

### **Public Health Advisory Council of Snohomish County**

November 30, 2022 | 7:30-9:00 a.m. | Snohomish Health District | Rucker Building Auditorium and Zoom Meeting

#### **Members present:**

Lisa George, PRMCE (Chair)  
Jean Doerge, Community Member (Chair-Elect)  
Korey MacKenzie, Diamond Knot Alehouse  
Karri Matau, Community Foundation of Snohomish County  
Patricia Love, City of Stanwood  
Robert Goetz, Everett Police Department  
Huynh Chhor, Swedish Medical Center  
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Board of Health, Ex Officio Member

#### **Staff Present:**

Shawn Frederick  
Pamela Aguilar  
Nicole Thomsen  
Sarah de Jong

#### **Members not present:**

Jason Biermann, Snohomish County  
Kurt Hilt, International Association of Fire Fighters 1828  
Shaughn Maxwell, South County Fire and Rescue

#### **Comings and Goings:**

Robert Goetz arrived at 7:35  
Patricia Love left at 8:26  
Huynh Chhor arrived at 8:35

#### **Guests:**

Josh Dugan, Snohomish County; Heather Sellers; Jessica Enick; Dennis Worsham

*Recording Secretary: Sarah de Jong, Executive Assistant*

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. in the auditorium via Zoom video conference by Ms. Lisa George.

#### **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Ms. Sarah de Jong, who reported there was not a quorum present. Without a quorum present, action items were not addressed.

#### **Briefings & Discussions**

*Snohomish County Health Department (J. Dugan)*

Mr. Josh Dugan shared an update on the integration process. While there is still a large body of work, the project is still on track and every measure of success so far has been met. The current tasks being performed are migration of workstations and building all computers so staff have both forward functionality as well as reach back capabilities in their existing programs. The last legislative tasks that needs to be completed is related to labor and in parallel efforts with the bargaining units. While these labor negotiations are

ongoing, there is a public hearing scheduled for December 14 during the County Council meeting. Next year will allow for greater focus on defining strengthening public health and establishing some programs and priorities.

Mr. Dugan introduced Mr. Dennis Worsham, who will be the Director of the new public health department for Snohomish County in the new year. Mr. Worsham shared that he began his public health career with the Snohomish Health District 1993, working as an HIV/Aids educator and disease investigator and so is very familiar with Snohomish County. Mr. Worsham is looking forward to being a part of this team.

#### *2023 Budget (S. Frederick)*

Mr. Shawn Frederick provided an update on the 2023 Budget process. The budget remains in a very strong position with a net revenue of a little over \$50,000. Since the last PHAC meeting, the County Council passed an item earmarking \$400,000 for a project to map all the septic fields that exist in the county, and that change has been updated in the budget that is presented today.

#### *Administrative Officer's Report*

Mr. Frederick recapped accomplishments of the Health District for the past year, which included:

- Initiated the digitization process for all environmental health records
- Modernization of the entire fleet of vehicles
- Established financial stability and set the course of moving public health forward

Ms. George expressed her appreciation for Mr. Frederick's leadership.

### **Updates**

#### *WSPHA 2023 Legislative Education Day*

Ms. Nicole Thomsen shared that the Washington State Public Health Association has an annual legislative day usually in the early spring in alignment with the Washington State Legislative Session. While the past few years have been virtual, they are planning on an in-person day in 2023. The day will be February 23, and is an all-day event, typically held down in Olympia. Those that wish to attend will have to register and Ms. Thomsen will be in contact once registration opens.

#### *District 2023 WA Legislative Priorities (N. Thomsen)*

The Legislative Priorities were approved by the Board of Health and are included in the packet. They very closely resemble what was presented and discussed at previously PHAC meetings. Ms. Thomsen invited PHAC members to share the priorities with their networks and connections.

### **Information Items**

#### *Upcoming Meetings*

Ms. George noted upcoming meetings and a reminder that the Chair position would go to Jean Doerge in January.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 a.m.