



**WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING - MINUTES**

JANUARY 31, 2023

Present: Steve Bennett (Chair), Teri Bryant, Sterling Chick, Christine Espina, Therese Horan, Michael Massanari, Emily O'Connor, Ashley Thomasson, Greg Thompson, Shu-Ling Zhao
Absent: Shamika Brooks, Christopher Brown, Christine Espina, Lindsey Karas, Adrienne Renz, Edna Revey, Vesla Tonnessen, Leah Wainman

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
Call to order	Steve Bennett presented a land acknowledgement. Roll call of Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) Members.
Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Division Briefing	This is the first meeting in a series of half hour briefings highlighting the work happening in each division of Health and Community Services. These briefings are designed to offer PHAB members a more comprehensive understanding of the programs and services the department offers. Cindy Hollinsworth, Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Manager, introduced herself and the three Public Health Nurse Supervisors in the division – Nicole Miller (Immunization Program), Lela Riherd (TB and Harm Reduction Program), and Zac Doobovsky (Communicable Disease Program). Zac was out of the office this week and unable to be at the meeting. Cindy, Nicole, and Lela presented key program objectives and activities for each program area – see attached slides.
Adjourn	9:47 am
Next Meeting	Next regular meeting – 3/2/2023