



## WHATCOM COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY

OCTOBER 12, 2020

**Present:** Steve Bennett, Barry Buchanan (first 20 minutes), Sterling Chick - Vice Chair, Lindsey Karas, Les Seelye, Chi-Na Stoane - Chair, Leah Wainman     **Absent:** Barbara Juarez

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
<b>Call to Order and Roll Call</b>	The Chair completed a roll call of Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) Members and called the meeting to order.
<b>Chair and Vice Chair to represent PHAB in Discussions about the Child and Family Action Plan</b>	<p>A motion for Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) Chair and Vice-Chair to represent the PHAB in discussions with the County Executive and other elected officials regarding the Child and Family Action Plan including the creation of the Task Force was approved (7,0).</p> <p>Sterling will write a letter to Carol Frazey, as the Health Board's Generations Forward representative, to advocate that the membership laid out for the CFAP Task Force remain as submitted. This representation was very intentionally created through Generations Forward.</p>
<b>Select PHAB Members for Subcommittee to Revise the Resolution Affirming Racism as a Public Health Crisis</b>	<p>Sterling provided background on this agenda item.</p> <p>Barry offered a personal apology for the tone and disparaging comments made by Health Board members at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Health Board meeting and indicated that a lot of Health Board support is needed for this to be effective.</p> <p>Steve has received email from communities of color, expressing the trauma and discomfort they felt watching the meeting. He is concerned that we will get four white males in a room to rewrite a document which should have community input, and about finding an equitable process forward</p> <p>Leah agreed to participate on conditions that she is given a clear understanding of PHAB goals and can bring the perspective of data, numbers, logic, and analytics to the conversation.</p> <p>The Health Department will identify a strong facilitator to help move the process along and create equitable opportunity for the speakers. Identify shared goals of PHAB and Health Board and intentions of all those going into the process and feel safe that all are participating in good faith.</p> <p>A motion for Steve and Leah to serve on the subcommittee to the resolution under discussion was approved (7,0).</p> <p>Barry noted that out of respect to the PHAB, the edited resolution should come back to the PHAB for review prior to going to the Health Board. Members agreed that a special meeting would be called to accommodate this review.</p> <p>At Council meeting on 10/13, Barry will request that the specific edits and areas of concern of the Health Board members be provided to Council Office and send to PHAB members ahead of the subcommittee meeting.</p>
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

