

MEMORANDUM

October 7, 2025

To: Snohomish County Council Chair Jared Mead

From: Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers

Subject: Snohomish County Acting Health Officer Appointment

Pursuant to SCC 2.300.080 I am recommending the appointment of Dr. James Miller, MD, MPH, as acting health officer for periods when the position of the appointed local health officer is vacant or may be absent or incapacitated and unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the local health officer.

Dr. Miller serves as the Health Officer for Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. As Health Officer, Dr. Miller acts as the medical expert for the agency and community. He assesses community health, provides direction and guidance on public health matters, and advises public health professionals, residents, county leadership, and the Board of Health on community health issues.

Dr. Miller worked previously as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He earned a doctorate in medicine from Harvard Medical School and a master's in public health from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He completed internal medicine residency and a fellowship in global health at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Miller has dedicated much of his career to working with traditionally underserved communities. He spent several years working with community health workers in Uganda and has experience providing forensic medical and psychiatric evaluations for people applying for asylum. He provided clinical care for Native communities with Maniilaq Association in Northwest Alaska and with Seattle Indian Health Board. He also provided care for people experiencing homelessness as part of the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless COVID-19 response in the spring of 2020.

Dr. Miller's education and training includes MSc, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK, MD, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, Internal Medicine Residency, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, Global Medicine Fellowship, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, and most recently the Epidemic Intelligence Service Fellowship, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Shoreline, WA.

Thank you for your consideration.