

## MEMORANDUM

**February 18, 2023**

**To:** Snohomish County Council Chair Jared Mead

**From:** Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers

**Subject:** Snohomish County Board of Health New Appointment

I am pleased to recommend the new appointment of Desmond Skubi to fill the Community Stakeholder seat on the newly established Snohomish County Board of Health for an initial term of one year.

The Board of Health's role is to develop, approve, and revise countywide policy on public health issues such as opioids, immunizations, and climate change. The Board recommends public health policy, establishes permit fees, recommends new programs, and reviews Health Department activities. Meetings are monthly, and members are assigned to subcommittees and various ad hoc task groups. The Board includes one seat for a small city or town, one for a large or medium city, two County Council members, one tribal representative, one healthcare facility representative, one healthcare provider, and two additional community members.

Desmond is a Snohomish County resident and retired from a long career working to improve healthcare and reduce health disparities. Desmond's background includes work in nurse-midwifery and prenatal care, Executive Director of Community Health Center of Snohomish County, and CEO of Unity Care NW. Desmond also has volunteered with the Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps to assist with testing and vaccination during the COVID response. Desmond would bring valuable experience and expertise to the Board.

Pursuant to SCC 2.02.020, I am pleased to recommend Desmond Skubi for appointment to the Snohomish County Board of Health.

Thank you for your consideration.