

M E M O R A N D U M**December 22, 2025****To:** Snohomish County Council Chair Nate Nehring**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. Meghan Lelonek, MD, 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. Lelonek serves as Co-Health Officer for Whatcom County Health Department. As Health Officer, Dr. Lelonek acts as the medical expert for the agency and community. She 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. Lelonek graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 2008 and completed three-year residency in family medicine at the University of Utah in 2011. She then worked at the Warm Springs Service Unit in the Indian Health Service in Oregon before moving to Whatcom County in 2014. Dr. Lelonek worked for Family Care Network and then SeaMar Community Health Center before joining Sound Physicians Peace Health St. Joseph as an adult hospitalist in early 2022.

Thank you for your consideration.