

## MEMORANDUM

**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. Amy Harley, 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. Harley serves as Co-Health Officer for Whatcom County Health Department. As Health Officer, Dr. Harley 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. Harley trained at the University of California, Davis, before coming to Washington to do her residency at Seattle Children's Hospital. She also remains a passionate Pediatric Hospitalist at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center.

In addition to her medical education in general pediatrics, Dr. Harley completed additional training as a neonatal resuscitation instructor (Neonatal Resuscitation Program); a positive parenting program that aims to prevent pediatric behavioral problems by building parenting skills (Primary Care Triple P); and pediatric advanced life support (American Heart Association). Dr. Harley has international volunteer experience in both Ethiopia and Guatemala. She is board-certified in pediatrics. Her special interests include global and public health, nutrition and breastfeeding, infectious diseases, child development and simulation-based medical education.

Thank you for your consideration.