



## Snohomish County Board of Health Application Form

Pursuant to RCW 70.46.140 and RCW 43.20.300

Please Select the position(s) you are applying for: (Please see full position descriptions at the end of this application\*)

Healthcare Facility Member

Healthcare Provider

Consumer of Public Health

Community Stakeholder

**Applicant:** Please fill in this section:

Name: Desmond Skubi

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City: Everett      State: Wa      Zip: 98201

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (cell): [REDACTED] (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Current Employer: Retired

Occupation: Retired



Education/Training: BS and BA in anthropology and nursing from the University of Washington;  
MS in Nurse-Midwifery from the University of Utah

Licenses held (if applicable): RN and Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner: no longer active

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?

While now retired, my career was spent working to improve the health of communities with a particular focus on reducing health disparities. I believe that in the United States, our great public and private investment in medical care has diverted resources that would be better spent on to achieve equity in education, housing, clean air and water, good nutrition as well as excellent access to primary health care services. Achievement of equity in these parameters of health will improve the health of our community. My interest in serving on the Board of Health is to assure that this perspective is included on the Board of Health and its policies.

Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission. I am a 35-year resident of Snohomish County. In my career, I worked for two years as a Registered Nurse in obstetrics on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona before entering graduate school to become a Certified Nurse-Midwife. I then worked for 6 years as a Certified Nurse Midwife at a Federally Qualified Health Center on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. These experiences instilled a deep respect for the cultures of indigenous people and the challenges of working in rural healthcare with people who experience great disparities in health and in the prosperity of our country. I moved to Everett to become of the Manager of the Prenatal Care Center established by General Hospital Medical Center to improve access to maternity services for low-income women. I established Nurse-Midwifery services at the Medical Center, which 35 years later has grown into Providence Midwifery Services, one of the largest midwifery services in the state. I was then recruited to become the Executive Director of the Community Health Center of Snohomish County at a time when this then young organization was struggling to be viable and over nine years turned it into



a greatly expanded and strengthened provider of primary medical, dental, and pharmacy services that provided a sliding fee scale to assure that care was available regardless of the ability to pay. I then became a consultant, providing strategic planning and interim CEO services to Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Tribal Clinic systems. I served as Chief Executive Officer of Unity Care NW, a Federally Qualified Health Center serving Whatcom County for the last 11 years of my career before retiring in January 2020. I also served on the Board and as Board Chair of the Community Health Plan of Washington, a non-profit insurance plan in the Medicaid and Medicare Advantage marketplace.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities. For the first year and a half of the Covid pandemic, I volunteered through the Medical Reserve Corp at the Snohomish Health District providing Covid testing and assisting in the early mass vaccination program. Each week, I also volunteer at a free community meal through the United Church of Christ in downtown Everett which serves a primarily homeless population as well as people in need of stretching their limited incomes.

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How did you learn of this opportunity? Article in the Everett Herald.

Do you currently serve on a Snohomish County board or commission?\* No. I did serve for a number of years on the City of Everett Parks Commission.

Is there anything else that you would like to share about your education or background for this position?

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3. Resides in Snohomish County or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, provided that a candidate may not be a County employee.

**By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record, including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.**

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: 11/21/2022

**Please attach Resume and return to:**

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