

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 Julie Smith to fill the Consumer of Public Health seat on the newly established Snohomish County Board of Health for an initial term of two years.

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.

Julie is a Snohomish County resident and Office Administrator for Security Tax Services. She has experience working with direct and indirect patient care, insurance companies, healthcare providers, and medical equipment manufacturers. She also has personal experience navigating the healthcare system as a patient and as the mother of a cancer survivor. She volunteers with Volunteers of America and the Everett Gospel Mission, and she is passionate about improving representation of Black men, women, and children in healthcare conversations. Julie would bring valuable experience and expertise to the Board.

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

Thank you for your consideration.



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