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**Dave Somers**  
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**Memorandum**

To: Snohomish County Council Chair Nate Nehring  
From: Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers  
Date: 8/15/25  
**Subject: Snohomish County Board of Health New Appointment**

I am pleased to recommend the new appointment of Melinda Woods 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 disease outbreaks. 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.

Ms. Woods is a Snohomish County resident and brings a wealth of lived experience to this role. She has a strong track record of community engagement, including her previous service on the Community Equity Advisory Board, and is a dedicated change agent in the areas of diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism. Her valuable perspective will be a significant asset to the board.

In compliance with Snohomish County Code 2.300.120, Ms. Woods is eligible to serve the remainder of the current four-year term, which concludes December 2028.

Thank you for your consideration.