

November 28, 2017

The Honorable Jon Nehring
City of Marysville
1049 State Ave.
Marysville, WA 98270

Re: Annual Certification of Board of Health Representative

Dear Mayor Nehring:

It's time again to certify your city's representative to the Board of Health.

To improve the health of all Snohomish County residents, the Board of Health sets local public health policy and oversees the operations of the Snohomish Health District. The Board determines the Health District's programming, which affects how infectious diseases are prevented, how we respond to emergencies, and how we deal with the increasing challenges of an aging population and chronic diseases. The Board is also currently addressing the opioid epidemic, strategic planning, and financial sustainability.

In addition to attending monthly Board of Health meetings, Board members are asked to serve on one of three committees. These committees meet monthly and address topics such as budgeting, Board governance, and policy matters.

The Board is comprised of the five Snohomish County Council members and ten representatives from the incorporated cities within Snohomish County. Per the Health District Charter:

- (a) The largest city within each County Council District shall appoint a Board of Health representative in accordance with each city's procedure for making such appointments. The representative appointed shall be certified annually by the mayor or city manager as properly appointed in a letter to the Health District.*
- (b) Cities and towns other than the largest within each County Council District jointly shall select a single representative by a method of their choosing. This representative shall be jointly certified annually by the mayors or city managers as properly appointed in a letter to the Health District.*

Marysville is the largest city in District 1 and thus selects its own representative. The current representative for your city is Councilmember Donna Wright, who not only served on the Board but also served on the Public Health Program Policy Committee and the Public Health Advisory Council, along with many other ad hoc committees through the years. We're very grateful for her long-standing participation and input, and she will definitely be missed.

In appointing a new representative, we hope you'll consider someone who is willing to commit to two or more years on the Board. We found that returning Board members provide important institutional memory and consistency in addressing ongoing matters.

The first 2018 meeting of the Board will be on January 9. Certification must occur before representatives can assume their seat on the Board. Certifications must be made by the Mayor or City Manager of the appointing city in a letter to the Health District. The letter can be mailed to the address below or emailed to icarl@snohd.org.

Thank you for your consideration, Mayor Nehring. If you have any questions, please call me at (425) 339-5210.

Sincerely,



Jeff Ketchel, Administrator

cc: Marysville City Council