



## Board Decision Form

**TOPIC:** Nomination of Public Health Sector Representative

**PURPOSE:** Vote on the nomination to fulfill the Public Health Sector Representative on the board.

**BOARD ACTION:**

☒ Information Only

☒ Board Motion to approve/disapprove

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, Barry Kling, previous administrator to the Chelan Douglas health District and the NCACH Public Health representative resigned from the Board. The Public Health departments came together on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> there was agreement of all 3 administrators to recommend Christal Eshelman take the seat for Public Health representative.

The NCACH Executive Committee, acting as the nominating committee, discussed the nomination in detail during regularly scheduled Executive calls.

The nomination committee reviewed the nomination and is nominating Christal Eshelman to fill the Public Health Sector seat on the NCACH Governing Board. Below is a bio for Christal:

**Christal Eshelman, Bio**



Christal is a Regional Assessment Epidemiologist serving Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties where she is currently contributing to data analytics of the COVID-19 pandemic. As an epidemiologist and public health professional, Christal has led numerous initiatives including project planning, development, and evaluation of four major initiatives at the North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH). These included: Integrated Managed Care (IMC); Opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery; Healthcare Workforce; and Community-based Care Coordination. As part of this work, she led the formation of the North Central Community Partnership for Transition Solutions (CPTS) coalition and facilitated a multi-sector Healthcare Workforce Initiative resulting in developing an apprenticeship for Chemical Dependency

Professionals and elevated Recovery Coach trainings in North Central Washington. Prior to working for the NCACH, she was the Director of Health Communications for the Chelan-Douglas Health District (CDHD). Her work at CDHD included community engagement and outreach, community health assessment, and public and media relations. Before her career in Public Health, Christal spent six years as a Research Scientist at the University of Washington studying disease evolution dynamics in metapopulations. Christal earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a Master's in Public Health,



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Epidemiology from the University of Washington. She holds a current Certification in Public Health by the National Board of Public Health Examiners. More recently, she completed a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Western Governors University.

**PROPOSAL:**

Approve the nomination of Christal Eshelman to the Public Health sector seat on the NCACH Governing Board for the term that goes till December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**IMPACT/TIMELINE:**

- If approved, Christal Eshelman would fulfill the remaining term of the Public Health Sector Board seat set to end December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Submitted By:

Submitted Date:

Staff Sponsor:

Nominating Committee

7.13.20

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