

8/7/2015

NCACH Board,

We have met as a Backbone Organization Selection Committee and reviewed the options available to the NCACH Board. We reviewed the 4 responses to the invitation for letters of interest dated 7/6/15, and we reviewed the recommendation from the North Central Washington Hospital Council (NCWHC) dated 7/28/15.

It is our recommendation that the NCACH Board consider the recommendations of the NCWHC, specifically the development of our own separate nonprofit entity to serve as the backbone organization. While we notice many strengths in the entities that responded to our invitation, we feel that the best option for the communities we serve would be the establishment of an independent entity working under the NCACH Board.

Additionally, we recommend engaging Chelan-Douglas Health District to extend the current contract for Backbone Services to allow for sufficient time to create, fund, and operationalize the necessary services to take over for CDHD.

Respectfully Submitted,

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