

COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA
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NEWS RELEASE

Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners
County Public Health and Legislative Building
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OPENINGS ON NEW COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (FORMERLY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD)

Walla Walla County Department of Community Health formed in 2012 with the merger of the County Public Health and Human Services Departments. This merger was the result of the County's goal to be efficient and effective, so as to utilize public dollars in a responsible manner. DCH provides systems coordination for programs such as assessment, behavioral health, developmental disabilities, homeless/housing, and preparedness. In addition, DCH provides critical foundational services such as restaurant inspections, on-site septic permitting, communicable disease surveillance, maternal child health care coordination, and nutrition services through our Women, Infant, and Children program, WIC.

Meghan DeBolt, director of DCH since July, 2016, has completed a reorganization of the department to fully integrate the public health and human services functions. In addition, the restructure of the former Human Services Advisory Board, now to be the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB), was approved by the Board of County Commissioners earlier this year, to realign with DCH's scope and responsibilities.

The CHAB will function similar to the former HSAB, however the scope of their oversight will cover the landscape of DCH programs and services. The CHAB's primary responsibility is to assist DCH in determining needs and setting priorities for programs and services. In addition, the CHAB provides recommendations to DCH and the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners in each of the service delivery programs.

With a broadened scope, CHAB has decided to open recruitment for new board members. CHAB is looking for broad sector representation to best represent the Walla Walla Community. Sector seats include: community representatives, behavioral health, economy, healthcare, developmental disabilities, education, and social services. Time commitments to this board include one afternoon board meeting per month (usually the second Monday of the month). Board members must be residents of Walla Walla County, be willing to attend monthly afternoon board meetings, and have no personal financial interest in County funded programs or other potential conflict of interest (i.e. employee of County contracted provider).

Application forms may be obtained from the County website (www.co.walla-walla.wa.us), or the Walla Walla County Commissioners' Office, County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 W. Main/P.O. Box 1506, Walla Walla, or by calling the Commissioners' Office at (509) 524-2505. Application packets may also be obtained from

the Department of Community Health (DCH), 314 W. Main, Rose Street Entrance/P.O. Box 1753, Walla Walla, or by calling the DCH office at (509) 524-2650. Interested persons are encouraged to call or email (wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us) questions regarding these openings.

Completed applications must be returned to the county commissioners' office by Friday, May 4, 2018. Applications may be dropped off, mailed, or emailed. As a part of the selection process, applicants should expect to be interviewed. The Board of County Commissioners will make final decisions regarding appointments to the Community Health Advisory Board on Monday, May 21st, 2018.

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