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I am 38 years old and have lived in Grays Harbor since I was 9. After graduating from Ocosta Jr/Sr high school I joined the US Air Force and got out after four years of service.

Due to a lack of education about the science of addiction and the over-prescribing of opioid-based pain medications while in the military, I suffered through approximately 10 years of active addiction and have been in recovery now for over four years.

I currently work with a local nonprofit and continue to strive to make the community a better place to live. I wanted to join the Board of Health to be a part of the conversation and decision-making process and to hopefully change people's minds in regards to the current paradigm surrounding addiction, homelessness, and poverty. The thing I would like to do most is to continue to educate the public and open meaningful lines of communication between opposing viewpoints of these issues in an attempt to cooperatively forge a path forward for a better community and society as a whole.