



Grays Harbor County Board of Health

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ATTENTION GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY RESIDENTS NOTICE OF VACANCY

The Grays Harbor County Board of Health (“Board”) is seeking interested and qualified individuals for appointment to the Board.

What does the Board of Health do?

The Board:

1. supervises all matters pertaining to the preservation of life and health of the people within Grays Harbor County;
2. enforces the public health statutes of the state and rules promulgated by the state board of health and the secretary of health;
3. supervises the maintenance of all health and sanitary measures for the protection of the public health within Grays Harbor County;
4. enacts such local rules and regulations as are necessary in order to preserve, promote and improve the public health and provide for the enforcement thereof;
5. provides for the control and prevention of any dangerous, contagious or infectious disease within Grays Harbor County;
6. provides for the prevention, control and abatement of nuisances detrimental to the public health;
7. makes such reports to the state board of health through the local health officer or the administrative officer as the state board of health may require; and
8. establishes fee schedules for issuing or renewing licenses or permits or for such other services as are authorized by the law and the rules of the state board of health.

Who is eligible to apply?

The Board, which currently consists of the three Grays Harbor County Commissioners, seeks to appoint four (4) non-elected voting members. The Board must select three (3) members from the following categories:

1. Public health, health care facilities, and providers;
2. Consumers of public health; and
3. Other community stakeholders.

“Public health, health care facilities, and providers” means the category of persons practicing or employed in the county or health district who are (a) medical ethicists; (b) epidemiologists; (c) experienced in environmental public health; (d) community health workers; (e) holders of master’s degrees or higher in public health or another field with

an emphasis or concentration in health care, public health, or health policy; (f) employees of a hospital located in the county; or (g) any of the following providers holding an active or retired license in good standing under Title 18 RCW: (i) physicians or osteopathic physicians; (ii) advanced registered nurse practitioners; (iii) physician assistants or osteopathic physician assistants; (iv) registered nurses; (v) dentists; (vi) naturopaths; or (vii) pharmacists.

“Consumers of public health” means the category of persons consisting of county or health district residents who have self-identified as having faced significant health inequities or as having lived experiences with public health-related programs. Persons with a fiduciary obligation to a health facility or other health agency as defined in WAC 246-90-010, or a material financial interest in the rendering of health services, are ineligible for membership under this category .

“Other community stakeholders” means the category of persons representing the following types of organizations located in the county or health district: (a) community-based organizations or nonprofits that work with populations experiencing health inequities in the county; (b) active, reserve, or retired armed services members; (c) the business community; or (d) the environmental public health regulated community.

The Board must select one (1) tribal representative selected by the American Indian Health Commission. A tribal representative may serve in any of the three above categories if the representative meets the requirements of the category.

What is the application and interview process?

Interested persons are encouraged to visit the Board’s website at <https://www.healthygh.org/boh>, and to submit a completed application to:

Grays Harbor County Board of Health
ATTN: Mary Ellis
2109 Sumner Avenue
Aberdeen, WA 98520

Applications are due no later than June 10, 2024, at 4:30pm time PST.

Each applicant must designate the specific category or categories they are applying for in their application materials. The Board may consider applicants for any position for which they are qualified. Each applicant must disclose any potential conflict of interest.

The Board will interview all applicants in a panel format. The Board will ask each applicant a standard set of questions. Where necessary to understand an applicant’s response to a standard question, the Board may ask follow-up questions. In the event of a substantial number of applicants, the Board may elect to interview a smaller number of applicants as long as the applicants interviewed include a diversity of expertise and lived experience.

Upon completion of its recruitment and selection, the Board will refer the selection to the clerk of the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners for consideration of appointment. Each term of appointment is three (3) years.

At an open public meeting on or prior to July 1, 2022, the Grays Harbor County Board of Commissioners will approve and appoint the new Board of Health members by a majority vote. The Board of Commissioners agenda is available at the Grays Harbor County website at: https://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/government/board_of_county_commissioners/index.php

What factors will the Board consider?

When considering applicants for selection to the Board, the Board will consider:

- (a) service, current or past, on other local boards or commissions;
- (b) whether the applicant's background meets the qualifications of the applicant's selected category or categories;
- (c) potential conflict of interest;
- (d) the applicant's demonstrated commitment to public health;
- (e) whether the applicant represents a diversity of expertise and lived experience; and
- (f) whether the applicant represents the geographic diversity of the community.

The Board will also assess whether the applicant identifies with a historically underrepresented community when being considered as a nonelected member representing consumers of public health.

Questions?

Questions about this Notice must be submitted no later than June 10, 2024, by no later than 4:30 pm PST to:

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(360) 249-3731
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The Board will post all questions and answers on the Board's website.

End of Notice.