

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL**
March 10, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS: Island County Commissioner Melanie Bacon, San Juan County Council Member Cindy Wolf, Skagit County Commissioners Ron Wesen and Peter Browning, Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu

STAFF: Amanda McDade, Darla Smith

PUBLIC: Barbara Pesola, San Juan County, NWSSB Chair

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Announcements:

a. Future meeting packets

Darla Smith, Office Supervisor discussed NWRC's desire to distribute board packets electronically. Making this transition will cut down on waste and reduce costs. Electronic packets will be emailed to Governing Board members and posted to the website. No concerns were voiced.

b. April meeting topics

Amanda McDade, Executive Director informed the Board she would like to review the current COVID and vaccination policies at the April. As of Monday, March 7th NWRC has opened the front doors and has staff available to meet with walk-in clients. The agency is working on a hybrid model for staff returning to the office.

Executive Session

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An Executive Session was called at 10:12 am to review the Care Management Director Position, the grant for additional staff for the Jail Health Program and discuss pending litigation. The Chair estimated the session would last up to 30 minutes.

The regular board meeting reconvened at 10:25 am.

Motion was made by Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu and seconded by San Juan County Council Member Cindy Wolf to accept and approve replacing the Care Management Director with a Clinical Director and Long-term Care Case Management Director. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu and seconded by Skagit County Commissioner Peter Browning to accept and approve the Jail Health Registered Nurse wage adjustment and adding Licensed Practical Nurse to the NWRC salary schedule as an option to fill existing vacancies. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 am

Prepared and submitted by:

Darla Smith

Darla Smith, Office Supervisor