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Health District Welcomes Applications for New Board Members

Grant County Board of Health will add community member seats in July 2022

Grant County – Grant County Health District (GCHD) is accepting applications through April 29, 2022 to fill key community member board positions. Per Washington state statute, the Grant County Board of Health (BOH) is tasked with making community member appointment recommendations to the Grant County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

Applications will be accepted by the health district until 5 pm on April 29, 2022. In May, the BOH will review and interview applicants and make recommendations to the commissioners for appointment. Expected appointments will be made prior to July 1, 2022.

The current board is comprised of city and county elected officials. The city councils choose their city or regional representatives and the BOCC select their representative.

The adoption of 2020 legislative session House Bill 1152 creates comprehensive guidelines for public health districts/ departments to follow and requires them to balance their governing boards with non-elected officials. The BOH and BOCC will select and appoint these non-elected officials that represent sectors of the community. The BOCC are tasked with reorganizing the board in order to meet the required composition. This includes the number of city and county elected officials who sit on the BOH.

Per the updated state statute, the BOH composition requires the following:

- A single county health district, such as GCHD, must have an equal number of elected and non-elected members on its board.
- Non-elected members must include people in all of the following categories:
 - Public health, health care facilities, and providers.
 - Consumers of public health who have faced significant health inequities.
 - Community stakeholders, such as local nonprofits working with underrepresented people, active, reserve or retired armed services members, the business community or environmental public health regulated community.
- The health district coverage area contains some Native American trust lands, therefore one of the non-elected member positions must be made available to a tribal representative.
- Final appointment of the new non-elected board members will be decided by the Board of County Commissioners.
- New board must be in place by July 1, 2022.

The application is now available on the GCHD website <https://granthealth.org/about/meet-our-board/>, by mail, or by email. Applications can also be picked up at the GCHD office, 1038 W Ivy in Moses Lake. If you would like to request an application be sent to you in any of the above-mentioned formats, please call GCHD at 509-766-7960 or by email at info@granthealth.org. If you have additional questions, please contact GCHD Administrator Theresa Adkinson at tadkinson@granthealth.org.

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