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Name and Sector	Title/Organization	Bio
<p>Brian Gibbons, Treasurer, Incoming President</p> <p>Healthcare Provider</p>	<p>CEO, Astria Sunnyside Hospital</p>	<p>Brian Gibbons, Chief Executive Officer of Sunnyside Community Hospital and Clinics, brings significant healthcare executive experience to the Yakima Valley. Prior to being promoted to Chief Executive Officer, Brian served as the Chief Operating Office of Sunnyside Community Hospital and Clinics and was a member of the hospital's executive team that realized a \$34.4M turnaround, returning the hospital to its current state of fiscal and financial stability.</p> <p>Brian Gibbons is an experienced hospital executive with over 20 years of both Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer leadership. He has successfully stabilized and grown hospitals, clinics and healthcare systems throughout the United States, focusing them on customer service and community well-being. At Sunnyside Community Hospital, he has taken a strong leadership role. He has developed new clinics and service lines and increased the organization's service line and clinical infrastructure to provide greater access to patient care while significantly enhancing operating revenue.</p>
<p>Jorge Arturo Rivera</p> <p>Managed Care Organization</p>	<p>Director of Enrollment Growth/Community Engagement, Molina Healthcare</p>	<p>Jorge Rivera is the State's Director of Enrollment Growth and Community Engagement for Molina Healthcare of Washington, and is actively involved with the State's Healthier Washington initiative, in the implementation of Accountable Communities of Health and Behavioral Health Integration; he represents Molina's Leadership in the Olympic, Cascade Pacific, and Greater Columbia Communities of Health, and serves in various committees and coalitions across the state.</p> <p>He also serves as a Board Member for Workforce Snohomish, Consejo Counseling Services, and the Washington Homeowners Resource Center, and in the Steering Committees of Snohomish County Health Leadership Network and Kittitas County Health Network.</p> <p>Mr. Rivera has a Master's in Business Administration and a Bachelors in Systems Engineering; he has held various Senior Leadership positions for local companies in Technology Management, Operations, and Business Growth, for the Media and the Healthcare sectors.</p>
<p>Carrie Green</p> <p>Philanthropy</p>	<p>Executive Director, 3 Rivers Community Foundation</p>	<p>Carrie Green has over 30 years of experience in working with nonprofits. After graduating from Columbia High School in Richland she attended Gonzaga University and earned her BA and MBA. She also worked at Gonzaga for almost 20 years and then at The Salvation Army in Spokane before returning to the Tri-Cities as the executive director of the Three Rivers Community Foundation. Carrie is a member of Tri-Cities Industry Kiwanis and has been a past president twice as well as past president of the TCI Kiwanis Foundation. Carrie has also served on the board of Women</p>

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		Helping Women, was president of the local Planned Giving Council, is currently on the board of directors for the Greater Columbia Accountable Community of Health, and has been appointed to the Secretary of State's Charities Advisory Council.
Dan Ferguson, M.S. Workforce Development	Director, WA State Allied Health Center of Excellence	Dan Ferguson has over thirty years of experience in higher education, non-profit management, health care and human services. In Dan's current role as the Director of the Washington State Allied Health Center of Excellence, he is working to assist the community college system in understanding and adapting to the health care workforce changes due to the Affordable Care Act.
Darlene Darnell, LICSW, ACSW Food Systems, Community & Faith Based Organizations	President and CEO, Catholic Charities of Yakima	Darlene is the President and CEO of Catholic Charities serving Central Washington. She has been with Catholic Charities over 32 years serving also in the role of Vice President and Clinical Director. The agency offers behavioral health, early learning, child and youth services, child and adult food program, pregnancy and parenting services and elder services across Central Washington. She is President of Catholic Charities Housing Corporation which develops affordable multi-family housing, homeless, and farm worker developments in addition to single family ownership.
Dana Oatis, LICSW Behavioral Health	Director of Outpatient Services, Lourdes Health	Dana is a dedicated, licensed clinical social worker with twenty-two years of experience in both direct service and administration. As a Child Mental Health Specialist, Dana provided care to hospitalized children/adolescents and families and later to adults suffering from a wide array of behavioral health conditions. Since 2007 Dana assumed increasing management responsibilities at Lourdes. Since that time multiple behavioral health community services were added. Some of her accomplishments have been the development and management of the Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) service, Crisis Triage (Transitions) unit, multiple behavioral health services in the local jails, opening Withdrawal Management (Desert Hope) service and transitioning Crisis to Lourdes. Dana also functioned as a fidelity reviewer of other PACT teams in the State. Dana has participated in several GCACH Leadership meetings and trainings. Dana completed her Master's in Business Administration from WA State University in September 2018.
Julie Petersen Hospitals	Vice President, Strategic Growth	Petersen was appointed as interim chief executive officer to in late June 2016 of Kittitas Valley Healthcare and hired as the permanent chief executive officer in early March 2017. Petersen is past chair of the Washington State Hospital Association, past chair of Washington Hospital Services, and past chair of the Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts. Before joining KVH, she acted as the CEO for PMH Medical Center in Prosser Public Hospital District for seven years and the chief financial officer for an additional nine years.
Lottie Sam Tribes	Tribal Council, Yakama Nation	
Rhonda Batchelor,	Lourdes	Ronni Batchelor moved to the Tri-Cities in 2010 from Spokane, where she helped her aunt start a performing arts non-profit by

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<p>Consumer</p>		<p>researching the community need for an arts council. Her dedication to helping people has been the cornerstone of her life wherever she has lived. Her worked has included volunteering for LGBT and gay organizations, and agencies serving the homeless and people recovering from substance abuse.</p> <p>In 2014, Ronni trained to be an in-person assister, signing up people for health insurance through Washington’s Health Benefit Exchange. In 2014 she became a certified Community Health Worker (CHW) though the Department of Health.</p> <p>Ronni has successfully supported people through the process of creating changes in their circumstances; homelessness, addiction, mood disorders, disease states, and food insecurity. She has advocated for people caught up in the court system, behavioral health system, and medical system. She has navigated people into mental health and addiction services. In 2015, Ronni successfully assisted 26 homeless people through the arduous process of getting them housing.</p> <p>On July 18, 2016 Ronni went to work full time at Lutheran Community Services as a Family Peer Support Specialist, Board Certified where she remains today. Ronni is also an Emerging Advocate Program graduate with the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance (WLIHA), and has earned several certificates of educational units in health and mental health, including Trauma Informed Care, and Mental Health First Aid.</p>
<p>Eric Nilson</p> <p>Public Safety</p>	<p>EMS Officer, Kennewick Fire Department</p>	<p>Eric is the EMS Officer for the Kennewick Fire Department, where he has served the community since January 1995; starting as a firefighter and progressing through the ranks to fire captain; to his current position overseeing the all EMS operations. His current position manages everything from daily logistical operations for primary 911 ambulance responses, CQI, managing supplies, medications, and other assets required to keep the progressive operations of the Kennewick Fire Department at peak performance. He is also responsible for numerous other programs including; Respiratory Protection Officer for fire and EMS operations, Coordinator of (OTEP) ongoing training for all levels of EMS in Benton/Franklin Counties, the Regional Lead for the Image Trend RMS project for five area departments, and Information Technology liaison between KFD and the City of Kennewick’s IT department. He currently serves as the Local EMS Council Chair, DMCC committee chair, member of the Protocol Committee, and is heavily involved in Alliance Consistent Cares and the development of a community paramedicine program for KFD.</p> <p>In addition to his work at KFD, he coordinated the paramedic school in Columbia Basin College from 2000 – 2012. Through his work at CBC and KFD, he has developed a network of working</p>

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		relationships in the Mid-Columbia that spans fire chiefs to hospital administrators and EMT's to EMS Officers. His vision for what EMS in the Tri-Cities can be is always adjusting and growing to account for the ever-changing health-care industry. Eric is a firm believer that a community paramedicine program that is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of all cities within the Mid-Columbia is the next step in providing for safe and secure living environments for all citizens in the Mid-Columbia.
<p>Ruben Alvarado</p> <p>Local Government</p>	<p>Councilmember, City of Pasco</p>	<p>Ruben is passionate about Community Development and has built his experience around service, working specifically in Economic Mobility, Homeownership, Community Impact and as a minister.</p> <p>Ruben is employed at C.A.S.A. LLC as its Community Impact Manager. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona as well as certificates in Architecture from East Los Angeles College.</p>
<p>Les Stahlnecker, MSN, BSN</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>School Health Services Administrator, ESD 123</p>	<p>Les Stahlnecker is an Administrator for Educational Service District 123 located in Pasco, WA. He has worked to place school nurses in Southeast WA in order to expand available nursing services through grant programs, and nursing co-ops. In addition to his clinical experience at Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital, Les taught at Pacific Union College in Angwin, CA.</p>
<p>Susan Grindle</p> <p>Social Services</p>	<p>CEO, HopeSource</p>	<p>Susan holds a Bachelors Degree, Organization Behavior, from Central Washington University; a Masters Degree, Organizational Development and Analysis from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio; and doctoral studies in Organization Analysis from The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. She has served as an adjunct professor at Michigan State University, Central Washington University, Western Washington University and Seattle University in undergraduate and graduate level business and organization development courses. Susan has published three books, one for teachers in classroom teaching methods, one on human resource trends, and one on mergers and acquisitions.</p> <p>Susan worked for twenty years as a consultant with a premier international consulting and training firm based in Princeton, NJ, and for ten years as a partner in a merger and acquisition consulting firm based in Dallas, TX and Seattle, WA. Her clients included companies such as CNN/Atlanta, Chrysler Motors, British Airways, Volkswagen/Mexico, Corning Glass, Red Lobster, In Focus/Proxima, VNU/Holland, Praxair/Canada, and National Petrochemical/Thailand. She is currently CEO of HopeSource, a private, non-profit, human services firm in Ellensburg, WA.</p>
<p>Madelyn Carlson, Secretary</p> <p>Transportation</p>	<p>CEO, People for People</p>	<p>Madelyn Carlson is the CEO for People for People (PFP). Established in 1965, People for People is a non-profit agency that provides resources and opportunities that empower people to lead self-sufficient and enriched lives. People for People's service region includes twenty eastern Washington counties with</p>

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		Administration offices in Yakima, Washington. Madelyn has over thirty years in nonprofit administration, financial oversight, and contract compliance with a focus on improving lives and strengthening communities. For the past ten years as People For People's CEO, Madelyn is responsible for administering \$15 million in annual federal and state revenues.
Martin Valadez, Past President	Vice President of Business Development and External Affairs at Tri-Cities Community Health	Martin Valadez is currently Vice President of Business Development and External Affairs at Tri-Cities Community Health (TCCH). Prior starting at TCCH Martin worked at Columbia Basin College for over eight years where he was a professor of History and Intercultural Studies, Vice President for Diversity and Outreach, and CEO of the CBC Foundation. Martin is also actively involved in a number of community organizations and boards including Gesa Credit Union, TRIDEC, the Mid-Columbia Libraries, and the Downtown Pasco Development Authority.
Sandra Suarez Federally Qualified Health Centers	Planning & Development Manager, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic	Sandra Suarez is the Senior Manager of Planning & Development at Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic. In her 13 years of healthcare experience she has worked in both the Federally Qualified Health Care and hospital industry and gain experience in areas such as health care policy, grant writing, clinic operations, community needs assessments and long-term organizational planning. Born and raised in Othello, Washington, Ms. Suarez received her undergraduate degree from Western Washington University and her Masters in Health Administration from A.T. Still University. In her spare time Sandra enjoys time with family, reading, hiking and travel.
Martha Lanman Vice President Public Health	Administrator, Columbia County Public Health/Garfield County Health District	
Rhonda Hauff, President Housing	Chief Operating Officer & Deputy CEO, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services	<p>Ms. Hauff is past chair of the Health Care for Homeless Committee and current chair of the Health Care in Public Housing Committee for the National Association of Community Health Centers, serves on several local partnerships to coordinate access and services for underserved populations. She also serves on Washington State's Health Benefits Exchange' Navigator Technical Advisory Committee. YNHS has been successful in health coverage assistance for vulnerable populations for many years.</p> <p>Ms. Hauff is a graduate of the George Washington University – Masters Certificate program in Community Health Center Management, Masters Work in Psychology / Social Work at Pacific Lutheran University (Washington State), and a Bachelors of Art in Community Health Education (Washington State).</p>
Carol Moser, MBA Executive Director	GCACH Backbone	Carol Moser serves as the Executive Director for the Greater Columbia Accountable Community of Health. Prior to her position with Greater Columbia ACH, Carol served six years as the Executive Director of the Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance, one of

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		<p>the original health care collaboratives in the state of Washington. Carol was appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire to serve on the Washington State Transportation Commission from 2006 to 2011, and was a member of the Richland City Council from 1995 to 2006.</p> <p>Carol received her Master's in Business Administration from Seattle Pacific University, and a Bachelor of Music from Pacific Lutheran University.</p>
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