

GREATER COLUMBIA ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITY OF HEALTH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSTER AND BIOS

Name	Sector	Employer	Position	Term Ends	Geographic Region	Committee
Brian Gibbons <i>Board President</i>	Healthcare Provider	Sunnyside Hospital	Chief Executive Officer	Dec 2020	Yakima County	1. Finance 2. Executive
	<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>					
Dan Ferguson	Workforce Development	Allied Health Center for Excellence	Executive Director	Dec 2021	Statewide	1. Workforce (Chair)
	<p>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.</p>					
Dana Oatis	Behavioral Health	Lourdes	Director of Outpatient Services	Dec 2020	Regional	1. Finance 2. Bi-Directional Integration
	<p>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.</p>					

Eric Nilson	Public Safety	Kennewick Fire Department	EMS Officer	Dec 2021	Benton County	
<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 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>						
Julie Petersen <i>Board Treasurer</i>	Hospital	Kittitas Valley Healthcare	CEO	Dec 2020	Kittitas	1. Finance
<p>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.</p>						
Kat Latet	Managed Care Organization	Community Health Plan of Washington	Manager of Health System Innovation	Dec 2020	Statewide	1. Finance
<p>At CHPW, as the Manager of Health System Innovation, Kat Ferguson Mahan Latet works to ensure the plan is on the leading edge of health systems innovation and transformation. Ms. Latet leads value-based payment and care strategies with a cross departmental team design. Through this work, Ms. Latet acts as a liaison for many of the Washington's transformation efforts for CHPW, including the Accountable Communities of Health and the Medicaid Demonstration. Prior to her role at CHPW, Ms. Latet was a Senior Health Policy Analyst with Washington's Health Care Authority. She led design, development and implementation of health system transformation policy and programs, including the State Health Care Innovation Plan, subsequent State Innovation Models Test Grant, FQHC Alternative Payment Methodologies and the Medicaid Transformation Waiver. Before moving to Washington, Ms. Latet worked in Oregon as the policy lead for the Oregon Primary Care Association working specifically in design and development of the Coordinated Care Organizations at a statewide and local level.</p>						

	Before moving to Portland, Ms. Latet worked in Chicago in education policy and political campaigns. She also served in the Peace Corps in Romania.					
Kendra Palomarez	Community-Based Organization/ Faith-Based Organization (CBO/FBO)	Catholic Charities		Dec 2021		1. Communications
	Kendra Palomarez, Healthcare Transformation Director at Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington, and has twenty years of experience in affordable housing, homelessness, and non-profit management. Kendra is a licensed clinical social worker earning her Master's Degree from Salem State College in Massachusetts. Kendra possess a strong commitment and passion for working with underserved populations. Prior to Catholic Charities Kendra was in Portland for eight years. She worked at Cascade AIDS Project as their Director of Housing and Support Services overseeing a team of 30 hard-working individuals and a multi-million-dollar budget. Prior to that, she worked in Resident Services at the Housing Authority and helped start the Bud Clark Commons - a Permanent Supportive Housing building for 130 of Portland's most vulnerable homeless. Kendra also served as a board member for the Community Non-Profit Resource Group for five years. She originally hails from Massachusetts and spent nine years at HomeStart - an agency helping to end homelessness. She spent six of those years as their Director of Homelessness Prevention - growing the program from two to fourteen staff during my tenure.					
Les Stahlnecker	Education	ESD 123	School Health Services Administrator	Dec 2020	Regional	1.Workforce
	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.					
LoAnn Ayers	Philanthropy	United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties	President and CEO	Dec 2021	Benton/Franklin Counties	
	LoAnn Ayers is the President and CEO of United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties. She holds a Doctorate in Leadership and Master of Business Administration from Washington State University.					
Lottie Sam	Tribes	Yakama Nation	Tribal Council		Yakima and Klickitat	
Madelyn Carlson <i>Board Secretary</i>	Transportation	People for People	CEO	Dec 2020	Regional	1. Communications (Chair) 2. Executive 3. Bylaws 4. Workforce
	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 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.					
Martha Lanman	Public Health	Columbia County Public Health/Garfield County Health District	Administrator	Dec 2020	Columbia and Garfield Counties	
Rhonda Hauff <i>Past President</i>	Housing	Yakima Neighborhood Health Services	COO & Deputy CEO	Dec 2021	Yakima County	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive 2. Bylaws 3. Finance 4. Workforce 5. Nominating 6. Communications 7. Bi-Directional Integration
	<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>					
Ron Anderson	Local Government	Board of Yakima County Commissioners	Commissioner – District 2	June 2020	Yakima County	
	<p>Yakima County Commissioner Ron Anderson is a lifelong resident of Yakima County and has over 30 years of volunteer experience, serving on numerous boards of directors and community planning committees. His work on issues pivotal to those living in Yakima County includes water storage, safety, transportation, law and justice, homelessness and more. In addition to the Greater Columbia Accountable Community of Health, Commissioner Anderson serves on the Aging and Long-Term Care Council of Governments, the Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Organization, and the Yakima Health District Board of Health.</p>					
Ronni Batchelor	Consumer	Lourdes		Dec 2021	Benton/ Franklin Counties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workforce
	<p>Ronni Batchelor moved to the Tri-Cities in 2010 from Spokane, where she helped her aunt start a performing arts non-profit by 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) through 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>					
Sandra Suarez <i>Vice President</i>	Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)	Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic	Planning & Development, Senior Manager	Dec 2021	Regional	1. Workforce
<p>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.</p>						
Susan Grindle	Social Services	HopeSource	CEO	Dec 2021	Regional	1. Workforce
<p>Susan holds a Bachelor’s Degree, Organization Behavior, from Central Washington University; a Master’s 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>						
Carol Moser	Greater Columbia ACH		Executive Director			

	<p>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 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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Note: All members are on a two-year term. (With the exception of MCOs following a one-year rotation schedule, and the Yakama Nation following an individual rotation schedule)