King County Board of Health
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Lisa Chew, MD, MPH - Biography

Lisa Chew, MD, MPH is Associate Medical Director at Harborview Medical Center and Associate Professor in Medicine at the University of Washington. In her leadership role, Dr. Chew oversees the strategic, operational, and quality/safety domains of the ambulatory care services at Harborview Medical Center to assure efficient, effective, accessible, and equitable care. Dr. Chew's administrative interests focus on the design, implementation, and operations of programs that promote high quality, safe, equitable, and cost-effective medical care. She also has a particular interest in improving care delivery for underserved and vulnerable populations. She founded and currently co-chairs the Harborview Medical Center Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council to integrate efforts to address disparities and advance health care equity.

Dr. Chew has championed Harborview and UW Medicine system-wide efforts that have resulted in safer opioid prescribing practices, the integration of behavioral health and primary care, performance improvement in preventive care and chronic disease management, and improved access to care. To address the needs of at-risk populations, she partnered with Evergreen Treatment Services and launched primary care services for patients enrolled in the methadone program at Evergreen Treatment Services. She also spearheaded the development of the UW Medicine eConsult Program to improve patient access to specialty care. More recently, she leads the Harborview Medical Center's Ambulatory COVID response which includes creating a mobile COVID-19 testing and vaccination program in partnership with community organizations to improve access for underserved populations in King County. Her work developing the mobile COVID-19 program was recently awarded the prestigious Gage Award by America's Essential Hospitals, a national organization comprised of over 300 safety net hospitals. In 2021, Dr. Chew was also awarded the University of Washington David Thorud Leadership Award, in recognition of her exceptional abilities to lead, serve, inspire, collaborate with broad impact.

In addition to her administrative roles at Harborview and within UW Medicine, Dr. Chew has also served as Chair of the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee/Medicaid Utilization Review Board and as member of the Governing Board of King County's Healthier Here.

Dr. Chew is an active ambulatory physician at Harborview Medical Center. She has expertise in chronic disease management, prevention, and team-based and transitional care. She has a deep understanding of the impact of social determinants on health outcomes and effectively applies this knowledge in directly caring for multicultural populations with complex medical and psychosocial needs.

Dr. Chew earned her medical degree at the University of California, San Francisco, and completed her residency and chief residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Washington. She is an alumna of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Fellowship Program where she earned an MPH at the University of Washington.