



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 21, 2018

Resolution No. 18-05

Proposed No. 18-05.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION acknowledging that the director
2 of Public Health - Seattle & King County has
3 authority to adopt policies regarding operations of
4 health centers funded by Health Resources and
5 Services Administration's Health Care for the
6 Homeless grant.

7 WHEREAS, Public Health - Seattle & King County is a Healthcare for the
8 Homeless ("HCH") grantee pursuant to Section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, as an HCH grantee, King County must comply with a set of
11 conditions outlined by Health Resources and Services Administration ("HRSA"),
12 including the establishment of a formal governing board, and King County has elected to
13 meet that requirement through the Board of Health, and

14 WHEREAS, these governance requirements include: reviewing and approving
15 the annual operating budget and evaluating health center activities; measuring and
16 evaluating the organization's progress and long-term programmatic and financial goals;
17 and developing plans for the long-range viability of the organization by engaging in
18 strategic planning in partnership with the HCH Network planning council, and

19 WHEREAS, the Board of Health created a standing committee on the Healthcare

20 for the HCH Network in 2016 to further meet these governance requirements, and

21 WHEREAS, in King County, many of the governance functions required by
22 HRSA are accomplished by structures already within King County government making
23 further action by the King County Board of Health unnecessary or redundant, and

24 WHEREAS, in King County government, the metropolitan King County Council
25 has primary responsibility to approve the budget proposed by the executive for all
26 departments and programs and the council fully vets the Healthcare for the Homeless
27 Network's budget as part of its budget process, and

28 WHEREAS, the Board of Health must satisfy HRSA Bureau of Primary Health
29 Care requirements related to establishing and adopting policies regarding the operations
30 of health centers funded by HRSA, as outlined in HRSA's Health Center Program
31 Compliance Manual, and

32 WHEREAS, HRSA requested, and the Board of Health standing committee
33 approved, that Public Health research and give full consideration to the governance
34 structures of other Public Health departments and other public agencies around the
35 country who are grantees under HRSA's Health Care for the HCH grant program, and

36 WHEREAS, HRSA requested, and the Board of Health standing committee
37 agreed on July 11, 2017, that Public Health consider adopting a governance structure that
38 entails the transfer of formal governance responsibilities, from the Board of Health to a
39 co-applicant board, as defined in HRSA's policies on the governance of public entity
40 grantees, and

41 WHEREAS, the Board of Health received a briefing in September 2017,
42 regarding HRSA's updated grantee governance policy, including the Board of Health

43 standing committee's work with HCH Network on a new governance plan, and

44 WHEREAS, HRSA requires official Board of Health acknowledgement regarding

45 any governance changes to King County's HCH grant,

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King

47 County:

48 A. The Board of Health, as the official governing body overseeing the Healthcare

49 for the Homeless Network, formally acknowledges that authority to adopt policies related

50 to operations of health centers funded by the Health Resources and Services

51 Administration has been delegated to the Director of Public Health - Seattle & King

52 County.

53 B. Until the new coapplicant board structure has been approved by the Health

54 Resources and Services Administration and the new board is officially convened, the

55 Board of Health continues to retain awareness of policies developed by Public Health -

56 Seattle & King County and provide overall strategic direction to Public Health - Seattle &

57 King County related to the implementation of those policies for the Health Care for the

58 Homeless Network. The Board of Health will continue this awareness and oversight

59 through:

60 1. Receiving of briefings related to the Health Care for the Homeless Network

61 provided by Public Health - Seattle & King County staff;

62 2. Oversight and planning work by the Board of Health standing committee on

63 Health Care for the Homeless; and

64 3. Collaboration between the Board of Health standing committee and the

65 Health Care for the Homeless Network Planning Council, which provides community

66 guidance regarding strategic planning and policies related to the operations of the Health
67 Care for the Homeless Network.
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Resolution No. 18-05 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on
2/15/2018, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Lambert, Dr. Danielson, Ms. Bagshaw, Mr. McDermott,
Mr. Dembowski, Ms. Honda, Dr. Daniell, Ms. Juarez, Ms. Birney and
Ms. Mosqueda
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None