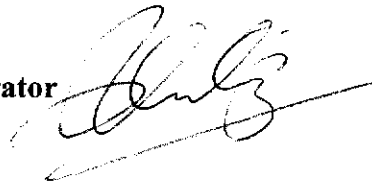


**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONSENT AGENDA REQUEST**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Philip Morley, County Administrator  
**DATE:** May 12, 2014  
**RE:** Appointments to the Board of Health



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**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:** The Board of County Commissioners is requested to make appointments to the Board of Health, pursuant to Chapter 8.00 of the Jefferson County Code. These appointments would be for the remainder of current terms, and for two members, new 3-year terms beginning June 1, 2014.

**ANALYSIS:** Commissioners recently adopted Ordinance No. 04-0505-14, amending the duties and responsibilities of the Jefferson County Board of Health and the appointment of its members.

The Board of Health has two vacancies for at-large citizens to be filled by appointment. Sheila Westerman has served on the Board of Health since 1997 and has requested reappointment to her current seat. The other at-large citizen position was left vacant upon the retirement of Roberta Frissell, who also was first appointed in 1997. Applications for appointment were received from Nancy O'Neill, Ph.D. and Sally Aerts PT, OCS.

Public Health Officer Dr. Tom Locke and County Commissioner John Austin interviewed Dr. O'Neill and Ms. Aerts, and have unanimously recommended that the County Commissioners appoint Ms. Aerts and reappoint Ms. Westerman.

Ms. Aerts, a physical therapist, was co-owner of Uptown Physical Therapy for eleven years, and will receive a Master of Public Health degree this June from the University of Washington. Most recently, she served as a Navigator assisting citizens in signing up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

Ms. Westerman has ably served on the Board of Health since its membership first expanded in 1997. She brings long experience and knowledge of public health issues in Jefferson County, and contributes invaluable institutional memory as context for the Board's policy deliberations.

On May 5, 2014, Commissioner Austin briefed the County Commissioners on the appointment recommendations. The Commissioners asked that the appointments be placed on the Consent Agenda.

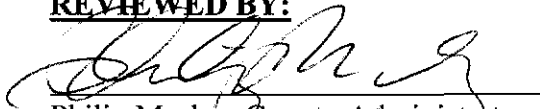
**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners pass a motion to:

- Affirm Sheila Westerman as at-large citizen member of the Board of Health and Kris Nelson as the Port Townsend City Council member of the Board of Health, both to continue serving through the end of the present term, ending May 31, 2014;
- Affirm Jill Buhler as the Jefferson County Public Hospital District #2 Commission member of the Board of Health to continue serving through the end of the present term, ending May 31, 2015; and
- Affirm and appoint the appointed members of the Jefferson County Board of Health for the following terms pursuant to Chapter 8.00 JCC, as follows:

| <b>Position</b>   | <b>Individual</b> | <b>BoH Term Start</b>                  | <b>BoH Term End</b> |
|---|-------------------|--|---------------------|
| Port Townsend City Council                              | Kris Nelson       | June 1, 2014                           | May 31, 2017        |
| Jefferson County Public Hospital District #2 Commission | Jill Buhler       | June 1, 2012                           | May 31, 2015        |
| At-large Citizen Position 1                             | Sheila Westerman  | June 1, 2014                           | May 31, 2017        |
| At-large Citizen Position 2                             | Sally Aerts       | May 12, 2014<br>(mid-term appointment) | May 31, 2015        |

**REVIEWED BY:**

  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

5/7/14  
Date