



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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Re: Informative – Rural Health Transformation Program Advisory Committee

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we are providing information on the Advisory Committee (AC) for Washington State's Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program. The RHT-AC will help prioritize projects and funding for the RHT Program plan, including activities that require competitive bid processes. The committee will also make recommendations to the state Legislative and Executive branches about opportunities for policy and regulatory alignment with RHT Program learnings.

Individuals with a strong background and experience in health care or public health, who are passionate about improving systems are encouraged to apply to serve on the RHT-AC. We are specifically looking for candidates who reside in Washington, representing the following key areas:

- Tribes or Tribal health programs
- Rural hospitals
- Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs)
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- Behavioral health providers
- Medical or allied-health professionals
- Labor organizations
- Community based organizations (CBOs) or community members from rural WA

This is a volunteer position; members are not financially compensated. However, RHT-AC Members will gain the reward of contributing directly to health system reform to improve the services available to rural communities throughout Washington. To review the position description and application details please refer to the WA Health Care Authority page [HERE](#). Applications requested by 4/24/26.

Coordination and staff support for the RHT-AC will be provided through the Washington State Department of Health (WA-DOH), in collaboration with the Health Care Authority (HCA) and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). For additional information about please contact Molly Biehl (molly.biehl@doh.wa.gov), or any of the Agency Tribal Liaisons: Candice Wilson, WA-DOH (candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov), Aren Sparck, HCA (aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov), Tim Collins, DSHS (timothy.collins@dshs.wa.gov).

Respectfully,

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