February 1, 2018

Ms. Patty Hayes, RN, MN
Director, Public Health – Seattle & King County
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Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Hayes:

As the Health Care for the Homeless Network’s (HCHN) advisory Planning Council, we are writing to express our recommendations for roles/niches to nominate to the new Governance Council. We have already given guidance, as reflected in the Governance Council Bylaws, on level of consumer representation for the new Council. The HCHN Planning Council recommends the following roles/niches to be considered for the remaining seats:

1) Community advocacy – community groups in Seattle/King County that represent geographic areas or issues relevant to health care and homelessness
   a. E.g. neighborhood councils, community conversations on homelessness, community health boards, education
2) Private sector representation
   a. E.g. finance, banking, business, jobs/workforce development programs
3) Legal expertise and criminal justice system
   a. E.g. public defender’s office, diversion programs (including behavioral health focus)
4) Non-profit sector including 1 representative from a housing provider and potentially others drawn from:
   a. social services
   b. charitable foundations
5) Representatives from government
   a. E.g. council staff, Human Services Division, DCHS (not to exceed 2)
6) A minimum of 3 reps from the health care world including 1 representative who is a primary care practitioner and additional drawn from the following subcategories:
   a. hospital systems
   b. expertise in epidemiology
   c. other areas like geriatrics, behavioral health, youth, unions representing healthcare workers

In addition to the above, we recommend that the new Council must include expertise in youth, behavioral health, and lived experience with disability. These roles can be filled by consumer representatives or included within other niches as described.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for the considerations.

Sincerely,

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