

Have A Voice

Shape the future of healthcare in Whatcom County

Healthcare is changing in
Whatcom County and across
America—be a part of it.

Come help guide our
community's new direction!

Community Forum

Friday, June 24, 2011

12:00 noon–6:00 pm

Meeting Location:

Christ the King Community Church
4173 Meridian Street, Bellingham, WA

RSVP to:
eemoore@hinet.org

Learn more:
whatcomalliance.org
healthcare-reform-whatcom.org

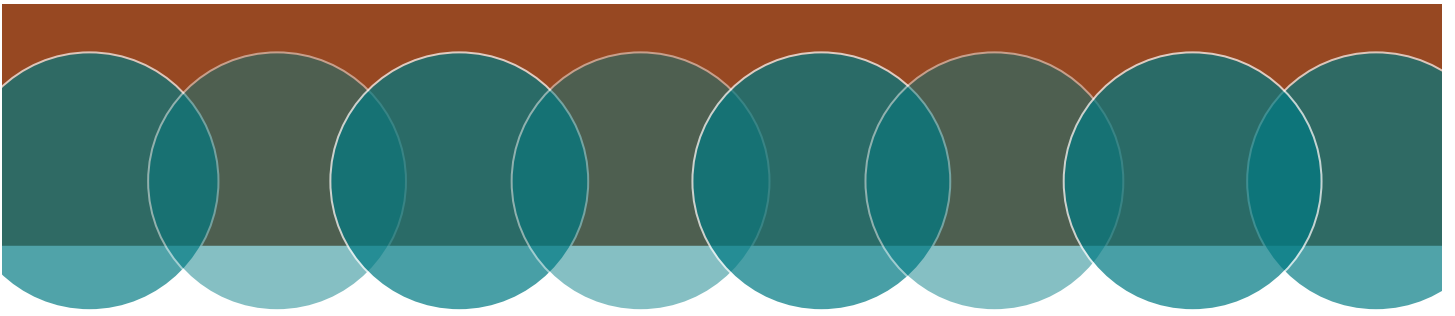
Can't stay the whole day?

Drop-ins welcome.

This forum is free

Forum co-sponsored by:

Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access
Qualis Health
Whatcom County Health Department
Health Ministries Network
Northwest Regional Council
PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center



Who will be there?

Join families, neighbors, employers, healthcare providers, clinics, pharmacies, hospitals, schools, communities and governments on June 24th to shape the design of future healthcare in our County.

What will we talk about?

Whatever healthcare issues you want to make sure leaders are talking about! Your participation will provide input towards discussions about the type of healthcare system we would like to have in our community.

We'll begin with an hour overview of the work underway in Whatcom County, followed by an idea conference where you can choose from a variety of healthcare topics to discuss with other participants or host a topic of your own! This forum is structured to allow you the opportunity to energize the future of healthcare with your insight, knowledge and connections.

What will we do with your input?

Your input will contribute to a project currently underway in our community: Designing the Future of Healthcare in Whatcom County.

- Each discussion group will select a spokesperson to represent the theme/s from the discussion as a participant in the newly forming Consumer Task Force Group working with the Project team.
- Many of the 40+ Task Group participants currently working with the Project will be present at the event to listen to the community's recommendations and concerns, and will actively move these ideas forward into the next phase of the work.
- Themes from the conference will also be shared with the larger community on the WAHA blog (healthcare-reform-whatcom.org), where you are invited to continue your discussions.



Agenda

Speakers 12:00–1:30pm

Brief updates on:

- Recent developments on health system design in Whatcom County
- Care transition improvements: Stepping Stones Project
- Introduction to idea conference format

Break 1:30pm–1:50pm

Select a discussion topic and/or create one

Two Series of Concurrent Sessions

1:50–3:30 pm & 3:45–5:00 pm

Over 10 concurrent sessions will be offered, or introduce your own! Examples:

- What does it mean to have “patient-centered care”?
- How might we better coordinate care?
- How do you navigate the new health system?
- What do you need that is not available?

Summary of What We’ve Heard and Next Steps

5:00–6:00 pm

- Spokespersons report on sessions
- Follow-up actions based on session discussions

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Our Speakers

Larry Thompson

Larry is the Executive Director for Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access (WAHA), a non-profit organization in Bellingham. Part of WAHA’s mission is to foster public participation in developing sound healthcare policies and promote system improvements. Larry has had a long career in public policy and health planning, and has lived in this community for over 20 years.


Sue Wright

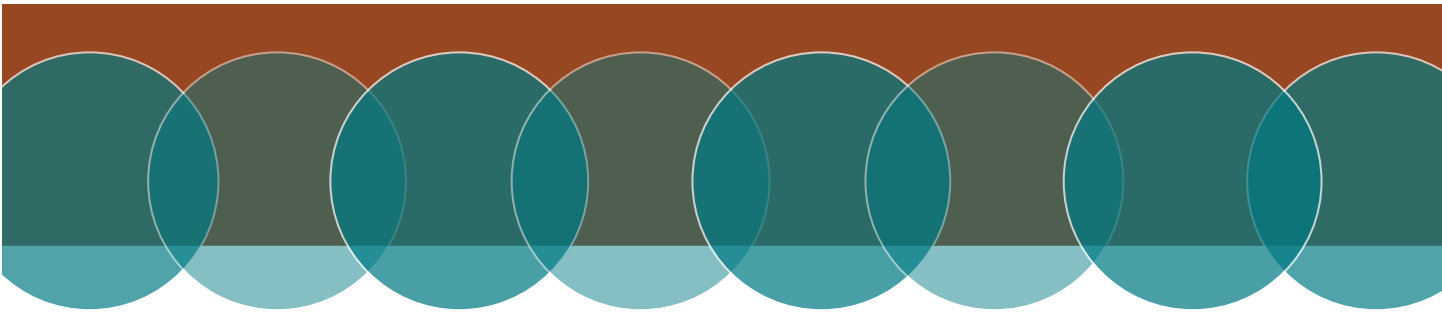
Sue has been a member of the Bellingham community for 9 1/2 years. She is a patient, a patient advocate, caregiver, neighbor and friend. She has served on several hospital and clinic committees and boards as a patient voice for Whatcom County. “I am someone willing to say yes to improve our healthcare system and have all voices speaking to one another in a positive, constructive way.”

Only available for part of the day?

You can still participate, your voice is needed!

Drop in anytime, especially at 5:00 pm for a summary of the community’s ideas and follow-up actions.





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Free parking

Free coffee and nibbles

ESL/ASL service provided

Directions

Christ the King Church is located in Cordata Place at the northwest corner of Meridian and Bakerview.

From I-5 North or South, take exit 256 or 256A (Meridian Street) and head north on Meridian Street.

Cross Bakerview and turn left at Westerly Road, then left into the parking lot.



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