

THE COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

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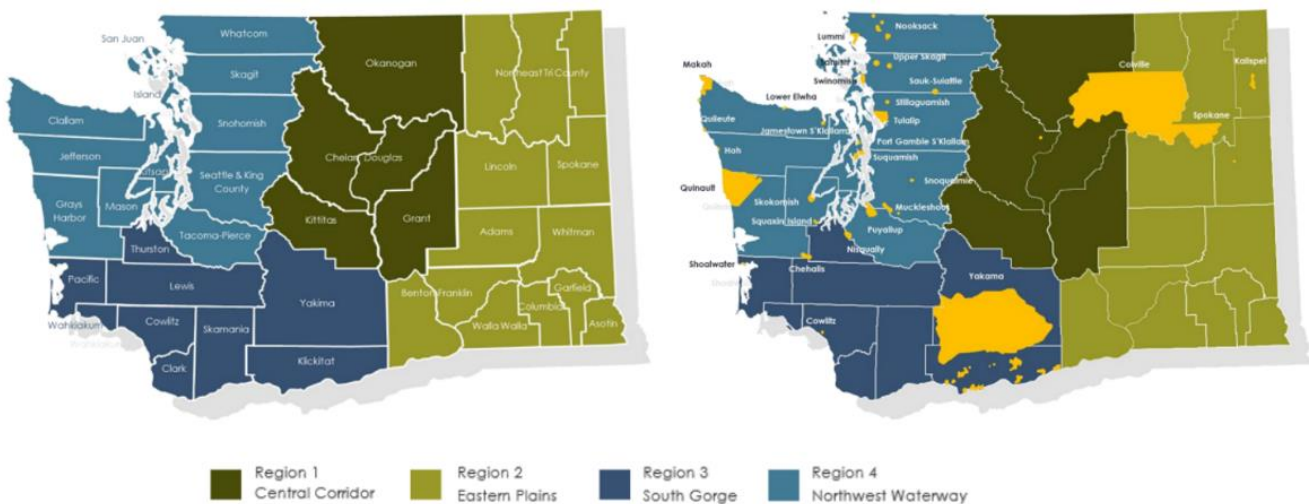
Call for Thought Partners!

Summary

Are you interested in shaping public health policies, practices and programs for Washington State? The Community Collaborative is an open space for community partners and DOH to share information and decision-making so that DOH practices, programs and policies reduce health inequities and improve health outcomes for Black, Indigenous, communities of color and all those facing harm due to systemic racism and oppression.

Thought Partners are community leaders who advise the Department of Health to reduce health inequities and improve health outcomes, acting as trusted messengers and bridges for the Community Collaborative and all communities facing systemic racism and oppression. DOH is accountable to Thought Partners and Thought Partners are accountable to each other and to the communities they serve.

We are seeking an additional **four** Thought Partners to balance the geographical representation of our current group. Interested community partners from regions 1 (Central Washington) and 2 (Eastern Plains), as well as from Yakima or Klickitat County in Region 4 are encouraged to apply. These Thought Partners will serve a term through at least May 2025.



RHO maps with LHJ (map on left) and Tribal (map on right) boundaries

Position Description

Regularly engage in meetings (approximately four hours per month) and provide feedback on documents related to the following key activities:

- Define a structure that allows for equitable, meaningful community input and engagement channels for CBOs across the state.
- Develop a policy agenda that will support the State Health Improvement Planning (SHIP) and other policy processes.
- Determine how PEAR activities can best be carried out in partnership with community members and partners.
- Serve as advisors for DOH, carrying messaging from respective communities and/or regions to educate and inform DOH and other health agencies on issues and perspectives.

Membership Criteria

- Current Washington State resident.
- Direct, personal experience or work with one or more of the communities most negatively experiencing the generational, current, and longstanding impacts of racism and health inequities ([see list of focus populations](#)).
- Represent the racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of Washington State.
- Willing and able to fulfill commitments.
- Express a desire to work collaboratively with other Thought Partners and DOH staff.

Notes

- Meeting times will be determined in September through May 2025 until a new structure is approved.
- Meeting materials and meetings will be in English with interpretation services on request.
- Reasonable accommodation will be made to support committee member participation.
- Members not currently receiving funding from DOH for this work will receive compensation at the rate of approximately \$100/hour.

Thought Partner Interest Form



Express Interest by August 31

Interested individuals should fill out the [interest form](#).



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