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Physician, VP Clinical Affairs,
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Federico did his medical training at the University of Wisconsin and received his MD in 1978 and subsequently did OB/GYN residency training at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia. He received his MPH from Tulane University School of Public Health in 1980 and began a career in public health that led him to manage public health systems in four states. He finished his public health career as the director of the Tacoma/

Pierce County Health Dept. in 2007. Subsequently, for 5 years he lived in southern Nicaragua where he and his wife started and managed a diabetes control program (El Centro de Nutricion Comunitario).

In 2013 he started work for Sea Mar Community Health Centers as the Vice President of Clinical Affairs. He currently represents Sea Mar in the statewide development of the Accountable Communities of Health (ACH's) as part of the Healthier Washington Initiative.

James G. Hopper, MD
Family Care Network

James graduated from the University of Washington School Of Medicine in 1984 and completed his family medicine residency in Charleston, South Carolina in 1987. He served a two-year term (2008-2010) as Chief of Medical Staff at PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center. James remains active as medical staff even now as he maintains a strong professional interest in quality of care and patient safety processes.



You will find James running the many trails we have here in Whatcom County, bicycling, skiing at Mt. Baker, and enjoying all of the great local experiences in Bellingham.



**The Future of Affordable Care:
Threats & Opportunities**

**A Community Forum
St. Luke's Health Education Center
Bellingham, Washington**

**Thursday, April 20th, 2017
7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement's mission is to connect people to health care and facilitate the transformation of the current system into one that improves health, reduces cost, and improves the experience of care. We are driven by our two-part mission of providing local access services, while fostering public participation and meaningful system change.



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Note from the WAHA Executive Director



Carol Gipson, M.A.

Welcome to “The Future of Affordable Care: Threats and Opportunities.” WAHA is excited to present our local panel of experts in health care policy and practice. Just as importantly, we want to hear *your* voice on the topic of health care. We welcome your questions and comments and expect a lively, stimulating evening!

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Moderator

Elya Moore, PhD

Director, Olympic Community of Health

With 12 years of training as an epidemiologist and 5 years of experience leading a local nonprofit health collaborative, Elya is grounded by the belief that health care is local, and therefore solutions to the problems that exist today must derive from the local experience.

Elya drives toward improved population health by blending her experience and training with her passion for our communities. Elya spends her free time with her husband and two dogs, Bruno and Popper.



Panelists

Liz Baxter, MPH

Executive Director, North Sound Accountable Community of Health

Before joining the North Sound ACH Liz was Executive Director of the Oregon Public Health Institute (OPHI), an Oregon nonprofit committed to building vibrant communities of healthy people by advancing policies, plans and practices that address the root causes of Oregon’s most pressing health concerns. Prior to OPHI, Liz spent seven years as Executive Director of We Can Do Better, an Oregon nonprofit founded with former Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber.



Liz has her undergraduate degree in social work, two years of graduate study in gerontology and a Master’s in Public Health. She chaired the Board of Directors for Cover Oregon, and currently serves on the board of Oregon Health Decisions.



Tim Strickland

System Director, Government Affairs, PeaceHealth

Tim leads government affairs strategies and activities for PeaceHealth in the states of Washington and Alaska, with additional system wide oversight responsibilities.

Through his previous work in strategic communications and engagement, he has almost two decades of experience collaborating with senior government affairs leaders and developing advocacy networks. Building effective governmental relationships will be critical in the rapidly evolving and complex healthcare environment. Tim feels this is an exciting new way to carry on the work of the PeaceHealth Mission, which he regards as an inspired call to serve and advocate for our neighbors in each of our communities.