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Anastacia Lee

Anastacia Lee Board Member Asians for Collective Liberation

Anastacia Lee is a queer, Chinese, transracial adoptee who has lived in Washington State since her adoption. She moved from Issaguah to Spokane in 2012 to finish her degree at Eastern Washington University and was drawn to stay in the area after years of work within the healthcare system, with local nonprofits, and with refugee communities. She completed her Masters in Public Health at Des Moines University with a concentration in policy work and systemic change, and most recently incorporated this into her work while Assistant Director of Health and Wellness Promotion at Gonzaga University. In this position, she was a staunch advocate for health equity for queer and BIPOC students and educated on social and political determinants of health that can impact one's access to care – especially when systems have been created to continue the marginalization of specific social identities. Anastacia has also focused on the impacts of the pandemic and the long-term effects of isolation on communities within Spokane. She centers community care and mental and emotional wellbeing in all of the work that she does. Anastacia can often be found proactively taking care of her health in the outdoors - climbing, skiing, biking, and hiking. She serves on the board for the Bower Climbing Coalition and pushes for equitable access to outdoor spaces in the Spokane community. She loves to explore these spaces with her partner and dog, and enjoy a good meal afterwards!



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Kim Wilson

Kim Wilson Community Based Worker Workforce Program Manager Better Health Together

Kim is a passionate advocate for both Eastern Washington and Spokane communities. She works to impact change and elevate community voice. Kim is a member of the Eastern WA Community Health Worker network, serves on the Access to Cultural Care Task Force, and enjoys connecting with the community in many ways. Kim earned her Master's in Education from Eastern Washington University. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, being in nature, and volunteer service.

Better Health Together tackles health inequities throughout eastern Washington, working with more than 100 organizations across Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Lincoln. Adams and Whitman counties and the Reservations of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, and the Colville Confederated Tribes to promote practical solutions that meet the needs of the people and communities we serve. BHT was founded on the principle that when we step back and let the local community lead, we find the best and most sustainable solutions to some of our most complex problems. Over the past five years, BHT has had the privilege of governing our region's 1115 Medicaid Waiver funds. We've invested more than \$40 million dollars into our health care and social determinant of health delivery systems.

As an ACH, our primary role is to serve as a convening and supporting body for healthcare providers, community health workers, organizations addressing social determinants of health, and insurance providers as they come together to determine the best practices and methods for addressing whole person care in both the rural and urban communities in the BHT region. We advocate for policies centered on accountability, accessibility, and affordability. We disrupt the status quo by facilitating conversations and partnerships that level the playing field for community health throughout our region.



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Joseph Hunter

Joseph Hunter Recovery Coach Network Manager Thriving Together North Central Washington

Joseph Hunter, a native of Grant County, Washington, is a testament to the power of personal transformation and resilience. After being prescribed opiates in his 20's, Hunter spent the next 15 years in active addiction before finding recovery in 2016.

Hunter's advocacy journey began in 2017, and he has been a driving force in North Central Washington ever since. In 2020, he took his commitment to new heights by entering the field of recovery as a professional, leveraging his personal experiences to inspire and uplift others on their path to recovery.

Today, Hunter is a dedicated Project Manager specializing in prevention, recovery, re-entry from incarceration, and advocacy. He also currently serves on the local Board of Health and as the President of the Wenatchee Alano Club.

Thriving Together NCW

Thriving Together NCW recognizes that the overlapping health and social issues our local communities face are too complex to be solved by one person or organization alone. Guided by the mission of advancing whole-person health and health equity, Thriving Together NCW serves as a connection point, bringing individuals and organizations across the region together under the shared goal of all people and places thriving - no exceptions. For more information, please visit thrivingtogether.org.