

PRESS RELEASE
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Department of Health Services

On November 1, 2006 the Board of County Commissioners accepted a resignation from Steve Kutz, Director of Health Services for Mason County. Mr. Kutz leaves Mason County employment after twelve years of selfless and dedicated service.

The Commissioners are confident the department has an excellent management team and a dedicated staff who will do what is necessary to maintain the department's performance during the transition period.

The county has begun a search for a Director who will work with Dr. Diana Yu, Board of Health, and stakeholders to develop a county strategic plan to deliver health services for the county.

Betty Wing, currently the Director of Operations, will assume the responsibility as Interim Health Services Director. Debbie Riley will continue as Environmental Health Manager and Lydia Buchheit has been named Interim Personal Health Manager.

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