

2023 Administrative Officer Candidates

Clark Halvorson

Clark Halvorson brings over 25 years of nonprofit and governmental public health experience at the local, state, tribal, and national levels where he has focused on whole system approaches to improving health and supporting healthy places where people live and play.

Clark is the current President/CEO for the United Way of Anchorage where he works to unite the community and take action to remove barriers to opportunity and solve our community's toughest challenges. His focus has been on education, financial stability, and health, the building blocks for a good quality of life and a strong community.

Prior to United Way of Anchorage, Clark served as the Assistant Secretary within the Department of Health for the State of Washington, leading the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and working to ensure a coordinated and effective response across their health care system. Prior to the pandemic, he served as the Assistant Secretary of Environmental Public Health where he worked with local governments and other agencies in the areas of safe drinking water, food safety, radiation safety, wastewater management, pesticide exposure, and general environmental health and safety issues.

With a deep passion to see public, private, and non-profit sectors work together, Clark is a leader in finding innovation, improving service delivery, and seeking change that supports growing and diverse communities.

Clark is passionate about exploring the great outdoors, he find solace in the rhythm of hiking or biking on the trails, the serenity of camping under the stars, and the exhilarating freedom of being on the water.

Lola Phillips

Lola Phillips has held the position as Deputy Administrative Officer for the Spokane Regional Health District since April of 2021. In that role, Lola also held the position of Interim Disease Prevention and Response Division Director, Interim Community Health Division Director, and is currently supporting responsibilities of the Administrative Officer during the current vacancy.

After graduating from the Art Institute of Seattle, Lola started her professional career as a designer and project lead. Lola later began her leadership career as an Estimator and Project Manager in 1998. She transitioned to a career in health care in 2003 as Certified Nursing Assistant working primarily with paraplegia and gerontology patients. During this period Lola reentered college at Eastern Washington University. Lola graduated with her bachelor's degree in Health Administration with a minor in Management of Information Systems. Lola completed her senior capstone as an intern for the Spokane Regional Health District writing the outline for the Region 7 Emergency Response.

Lola began working for the State of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS) in 2007 in the Communicable Disease Division as the Statewide Testing Coordinator. She was promoted to Operations Manager for the HIV/AIDS Ryan White program in 2009 while completing her MBA in Healthcare Management. Lola was then again promoted to Associate Bureau Chief at MODHSS for Community Nutrition Programs in 2012 through mid-2018. She has since performed as the Practice Manager for the Western Montana Clinic, followed by the Community Living Connections Director for Aging and Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington. Lola then worked as an Operations Consultant for Greater Spokane Meals on Wheels before coming to SRHD.

Tony Proctor

Tony Proctor is an experienced leader of cross-functional teams built from 24 years as an Air Force Veteran. His time leading organizations in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and locally in Spokane brought him extensive understanding of developing strategies, organizational leadership, conflict resolution, change management, with a broad set of communication skills to complement. He confidently builds high-performing diverse teams to successfully meet and exceed organizational goals.

Experience

From 2020 to 2023, Tony led over 500 personnel at the United States Air Forces Survival School, where he revolutionized training for the future. Prior to that, as the leader to a staff of over 1,100 at the 353rd Special Operations Group in Japan, he advised the executive team on the successful Thai Cave Rescue. While working at Pacific Command headquarters in Hawaii, overseeing personnel recovery operations for an overseas military population of 380,000, he developed a reintegration facility to triage and care for isolated personnel. With a Master's Degree with majors in Management & Leadership and Human Resources Development, Tony is an experienced leader of people and an analytical manager of processes. Most recently, he is a graduate of Leadership Spokane Class of '23.

Philosophy

"I am a servant leader. My successes only come from those within my team at the guidance and direction of the leadership above. I believe a high performing organization is built on trust; trust that relies on experience of the members, a healthy dose of empowerment, and a level of sacrifice from me as a leader to ensure the team succeeds. Additionally, I am a lifetime learner. The world changes continuously, and we must change along with it. This involves personal education, an innovative mindset, and a high understanding of effective change management."

Tony and Sarah, his wife of 21 years, have two teenage boys and a dog. When he isn't spending time with them, Tony is running through Spokane's streets and trails training for his next race.

Alicia M. Thompson

Dr. Alicia M. Thompson's intention has always been to return to Eastern Washington and use her expertise in leadership and administration to support Spokane County and the surrounding communities. To be selected the next Administrative Officer would be a dream come true and a wonderful coming home after a long and winding career path that has prepared Alicia well to serve in this role.

Alicia is a Spokane success story. Alicia, her mother, and four sisters arrived in Spokane, Washington in May of 1974 to join her father, John R. Musgrave. John was the vice president of marketing for Expo74.

Alicia attended and graduated from Lewis & Clark High School. Alicia struggled in High School and attempts at community college did not go well. She joined the Air National Guard and shortly thereafter moved to New Orleans to work at the 1984 World's Exposition.

While in New Orleans Alicia met her first husband and had three children. In 1993, Alicia returned to Spokane, a single mother with three small children, and went back to school at Whitworth University graduating with her Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude. From there Alicia went straight into the Master of Social Work program at Eastern Washington University. It was during this time that Alicia was introduced to the Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) and public health. SRHD hired Alicia as a temporary employee to coordinate the Birth Certificate Follow Back Survey of Pre-School Immunizations and she has worked in public health and Federally Qualified Health Centers ever since.

After graduating with her MSW she was hired by SRHD to be a Community Health Epidemiologist. In this role, Alicia worked with many Spokane community partners to conduct Community Health Needs Assessments. Alicia worked as an Epidemiologist for SRHD for 7 years.

Seeking to develop administrative and leadership skills, Alicia took the position of Deputy Director of the Cowlitz County Health & Human Services for two years. Next, she became the Health Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Cascade City-County Health Department and Community Health Center in Great Falls, Montana for five years. In 2014, Alicia moved to Tucson, Az to work on her DrPH at the University of Arizona. While earning her doctorate she worked as the Dental Department manager of El Rio, one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in the United States. Alicia achieved her Doctorate in Public Health Policy and Management in 2019. After graduation, Alicia returned to local public health and became the Health Director for Cochise County, Arizona. Dr. Thompson is currently the Chief Operations Officer of Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc.