

## Alicia M. Thompson

Alicia M. Thompson, DrPH, LMSW, has an extensive background in public health leadership and administration. Dr. Thompson began her career in Spokane, Wash., and has since taken a long and winding career path that eventually led her back to Spokane County.

Dr. Thompson graduated from Spokane's Lewis & Clark High School. She then joined the Air National Guard and shortly thereafter, moved to New Orleans, La. to work at the 1984 World's Exposition.

Dr. Thompson returned to Spokane and went back to school at Whitworth University graduating with her Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude. From there, Dr. Thompson 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. Dr Thompson was then hired by SRHD to be a community health epidemiologist and remained in that position for seven years.

Seeking to develop administrative and leadership skills, Dr. Thompson took the position of deputy director of 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, Ariz. where she worked as the dental department manager of El Rio, one of the largest federally qualified health centers (FQHC) in the United States and achieved her Doctorate in Public Health Policy and Management from the University of Arizona in 2019. After graduation, Dr. Thompson returned to local public health and became the health director for Cochise County, Ariz. She was then the chief operations officer of Chiricahua Community Health Centers, Inc., before accepting the position as the administration officer for SRHD.

### **Definitions of Credentials:**

DrPH – Doctor of Public Health

LMSW – Licensed Master Social Worker