




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Ahmed Ali</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Sweetened Beverage Tax Advisory Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 11/14/2017	Term of Position: * 9/1/2017 to 8/31/2019
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Beacon Hill (work location)</i>	Zip Code: 98118	Contact Phone No.: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>
Background: <p>Ahmed Ali is a graduate of Washington State University, college of pharmacy. Dr. Ali is an active member within the Somali community, with emphasis on immigrant and refugee health and also serves as one of the founders and the <i>current Executive Director of the Somali Health Board (SHB)</i>, a grassroots organization in Washington State, with ambitious goals of reducing and eliminating health disparities that disproportionately affect the Somali population throughout King County and the state of Washington. Ahmed was born in Somalia, and currently lives in Renton with his wife and children.</p> <p>In 2015, he took part in a medical mission in Somalia, rebuilding and supplying two rural hospitals in Somalia, ravaged by years of civil conflict. He serves on several boards, including the King County Accountable Communities of Health (ACH), King County Immigrant/Refugee Task Force to investigate the creation of immigrant and refugee commission and the Fred Hutchison's Health Disparities Community Advisory Board.</p> <p>Ahmed also takes pride in serving as a mentor for the youth, with emphasis on careers in the health industry. Currently, in his day to day pharmacy work and Somali Health Board's, he oversees many students who seek his advice, mentorship, and reference that are interested in pursuing careers in the health fields. He sees the youth's direct involvement with community work as a cornerstone to a greater community.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Tim Burgess</i> Mayor of Seattle

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.

Ahmed Ali, PharmD

EDUCATION

Washington State University Pullman, WA | May 2008
Doctorate of Pharmacy (PharmD)

Washington State University Pullman, WA | May 2004

Bachelors in Biology

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Licensed pharmacist in Washington State with 8 years of community pharmacy management experience
- Outstanding interpersonal skills with a track record of establishing positive relationship with patients, staff and medical professionals.
- Experienced in working with low-income and multi-ethnic populations
- Health equity activist with emphasis on provider education/training and policy change advocacy
- Global health work through medical mission and volunteerism
- Health disparities research in collaboration with health systems

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Somali Health Board (SHB) Seattle, WA | January 2014 to Present

Executive Director

- Oversee overall organization participation in a funded research study/programs, requiring monitoring of staff progress, managing of external relationships, and meeting deadlines
- Supervise ongoing projects and follow up reporting and evaluations
- Effectively communicate SHB's mission and accomplishments to stakeholders and funders
- Managed performance and strategic planning for the Somali Centering Pregnancy Program funded by March of Dimes in partnership with NeighborCare Health
- Skillfully balanced competing priorities in project management, staff supervision, and chair quarterly meetings
- Initiated and implemented Peer-to-Peer training on chronic disease management and healthy eating program
- Designed and facilitate trainings for potential mentors, volunteers and staff

Walgreens Pharmacy Edgewood, WA | July 2012 to Present

Pharmacy Manager

- Manage ancillary staff in fulfilling more than 1,400 prescription weekly and manage day-to-day pharmacy activities

- Maintain procedures and records for quality assurance, security of controlled substances, and disposal of hazardous materials
- Oversee pharmacy student interns
- Follow up and maintain Medication Therapy Management to increase medication adherence and monitor potential drug therapy problems
- Comply with all federal laws, company policies and procedures and state regulations regarding intern, technician and assistant training and licensure
- Consult with physicians and patients with regard to medication dosage, drug interactions, disease management, and potential side effects of prescription and OTC medications
- Recommended appropriate clinical programs such as immunization, MTM (Medication Therapy Management) and DCS (Diabetes Care Specialist)
- Oversee annual inventory of all medications in the pharmacy

Public Health – Seattle King County

Seattle, WA | May 2014 to May 2015

Emergency Preparedness: Pharmacists Serving Ethnic Communities

- Identify challenges, barriers, and opportunities pertaining to emergency preparedness amongst pharmacists
- Identify challenges and barriers pharmacists face when trying to communicate and/or provide vital information to ethnic communities
- Engage bicultural pharmacists working at large chain pharmacies to promote opportunities to help bridge gaps during a Public Health emergency and promote Public Health Reserve
- Identify professionally and culturally appropriate strategies to enhance and sustain our relationship with pharmacists that serve ethnic communities

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Health Disparities Research Center at Fred Hutch

Seattle, WA | June 2016 to Present

Community Advisory Board (CAB)

- Engage in both short and long-term planning for the Health Disparities Research Center
- Contribute to discussion on planning and implementation
- Review and assess the project's performance
- Inform the community about the project, focusing on short and long-term solutions

King County Immigrant/Refugee Task Force

Seattle, WA | May 2015—June 2016

Appointed Task Force Member to create Immigrant/Refugee Commission

- Created a vision for how the County should serve Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations
- Identified King County's current and best practices in serving LEP populations

- Reviewed "Pros and Cons" of various strategies for serving LEP populations
- Developed short-term and long-term recommendations for how to increase access to King County government services and operations for LEP populations
- Developed a better understanding of the LEP communities' needs via LEP community engagement

Culturally Appropriate and Responsive Education (CARE) Center Renton, WA | April 2009—April 2013

Board of Directors Chair

- Served as the Chief Volunteer of the after school program
- Guided executive board actions in regards to policies and procedures
- Played a leading role in fundraising
- Offered strategic learning platform to parents of new immigrants/refugees on school system and how to easily navigate through

CONFERENCES/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/RESEARCH

*The International People's Health University (IPHU) – Immigrant/Refugee, The Struggle for Health/Immigrant/Refugee, **presentation: Somali Community's Mental Health Status**, April 2016*

Northwest Regional Conference on African Immigrant Health; Addressing the Social Determinants of African Immigrant Health, presentation; Somali Health Board, **presentation: Community Based Approach to Reduce Health Disparities – Somali Health Board (SHB) Model**, March 2016

*King County – Seattle Public Health, **Pharmacy Summit Speaker**; Pharmacy Emergency and Preparedness on Limited English Proficiency Populations, Seattle, WA, May, 2015.*

Green River Community College, Somali Mental Health Awareness Night; **Presentation: Stigma associated with mental health and youth challenges**; April 2014

***Promoting HPV Vaccines in Washington's East African Communities:** Serve as a co-investigator and the site Principle Investigator for the Somali Health Board*

***Perceptions of Mental Health In Somali Community:** Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) co-investigator (publication due 11/2017)*

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Advanced Somali, Swahili reading/writing
 Strong interpersonal skills
 Operations management
 Proficient in pharmacy law

**Sweetened Beverage Tax Advisory Board
November 2017**

16 Members: Pursuant to *SMC 5.53.080*, some members subject to City Council confirmation may appointed to 2-year or 4 year terms:

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Food Access Representative	Lisa Chen	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
			2.	Food Access Representative	Christina Wong	9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
			3.	Food Access Representative	Leika Suzumura	9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
			4.	Community Representative	Ahmed Ali	9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
			5.	Community Representative	Yolanda Matthews	9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Council
6	M	3	6.	Public Health Representative	Jim Krieger	9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Council
3	F	4	7.	Public Health Representative	Laura Flores Cantrell	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
			8.	Public Health Representative	Jessica Jones-Smith	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
			9.	Public Health Representative	Jessica Marcinkevage	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
6	F	4	10.	Early Learning Representative	Mackenzie Chase	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
			11.	Early Learning Representative	Ruth Brown	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor													
Council													
Comm													
Total													

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
 - **G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
 - RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A
- Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*