



Community Health Plan of Washington Deepens Salish Region Presence

Kate Ingman joins the team to strengthen community connections and support members in Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap counties

SEATTLE – November 3, 2021 – [Community Health Plan of Washington \(CHPW\)](#), Washington’s local not-for-profit Apple Health (Medicaid) and Medicare managed care plan, has appointed Kate Ingman to the role of Regional Manager of Systems Integration for the Salish area. Ingman will help provide on-the-ground support for CHPW’s members by coordinating the work of local behavioral health, medical, and community-based organizations in Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap counties.

“At CHPW, we work hand-in-hand with community providers and social service organizations to support all aspects of our members’ health, whether that’s accessing behavioral health care or services for food or housing needs,” said Leanne Berge, CEO of Community Health Plan of Washington and Community Health Network of Washington. “As a Salish-area resident herself, Kate has deep experience with local community organizations to take on this important role for our CHPW members.”

As Regional Manager, Ingman will serve as a liaison between the regions’ community partners and CHPW to ensure the health plan is responsive to the needs of local community members. She will be responsible for collaborating with health care providers and cross-sector partners on strategies to advance health care integration (physical health, mental health and substance use disorder treatment services into one system) to support members and their communities’ health and well-being.

Ingman is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and Child Mental Health Specialist and joins CHPW with nearly ten years of experience working in the behavioral health field. She most recently served as the Director of Child and Family Department at Kitsap Mental Health, where she was responsible for providing clinical program oversight to outpatient, school, and wrap-around programs.

“The Salish region is home to me. I look forward to making CHPW a home for all our members in this community by helping them feel understood, respected, and cared for when it comes to their health and wellbeing,” said Ingman.

Ingman joins CHPW as part of the organization’s continued regional growth across Washington State. Community Health Plan of Washington will serve all counties in Washington for Apple Health beginning January 1, 2022.

To learn more about CHPW, visit chpw.org.



About CHPW

Founded in 1992 by a network of community and migrant health centers (CHCs) in Washington State, Community Health Plan of Washington is a community-governed, not-for-profit health plan formed to help coordinate care and advocate for people who were not being served by traditional insurance companies. The mission of CHPW is to deliver accessible managed care services that meet the needs and improve the health of Washington communities and to make managed care participation beneficial for community-responsive providers. CHPW serves approximately 260,000 members through Medicaid (income-based program called Apple Health in WA) and Medicare (age and disability-based program) across the State. CHPW connects members to various physical, behavioral and social support services, and reinvests surpluses back into the community to help advance health equity and improve access to high quality care for all people. Its parent, Community Health Network of Washington, serves nearly one million individuals across Washington through its Member federally qualified community health centers across the State of Washington, and now offers Cascade Select on the health exchange. To learn more, visit chpw.org or connect on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [LinkedIn](#).

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