

## **KP Washington Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) Application FAQ's**

**Question 1:** I have a specific interest that I want the CAC to discuss. Is this the right group to address this topic?

**Answer:** The CAC is not a special interest group that focuses on one specific issue. It is an advisory committee that provides feedback on business topics that are determined by Kaiser Permanente Washington (KPWA) leaders.

**Question 2:** I want to discuss my personal care experiences at these meetings. Will there be an opportunity to do so?

**Answer:** Although hearing about your personal care experiences is important to us, this is not the appropriate committee. Meetings focus on business topics, not on personal care experiences.

**Question 2:** If I applied last year and wasn't selected, may I re-apply this year?

**Answer:** You are welcome to re-apply. Please use the current application form and submit it by the deadline.

**Question 3:** How are applicants selected?

**Answer:** In addition to submitting an application, applicants are interviewed to learn more about their backgrounds, interests, and reasons for applying. A subcommittee of KPWA leaders will review the applications and recommend the candidate slate. The KPWA regional president makes the final selection decisions.

**Question 4:** When will applicants be notified of their application status?

**Answer:** We anticipate that all applicants will be notified late November.

**Question 5:** When will meetings be held?

**Answer:** Meeting dates have not yet been announced, but generally meetings occur on a quarterly basis from approximately 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Once in-person meetings resume, they will be held in the Seattle area.

**Question 6:** I'm not sure if I can commit to serving a three-year term. Is that a problem?

**Answer:** Although we hope that selected applicants will serve a three-year term, there are no requirements to do so.

**Question 7:** If I am selected what are the next steps?

**Answer:** Selected applicants will be asked to attend an orientation session that will be held on the same day as the first committee meeting of the year. Selected applicants must also sign a non-disclosure agreement that will be distributed before the orientation.

**Question 8:** Are preferences given to applicants who have a health care background?

**Answer:** The Selection Committee seeks applicants with broad backgrounds from throughout the region, so there are no preferences for applicants who have healthcare experience.

**Question 9:** I won't be able to attend all meetings. Is that a problem?

**Answer:** We understand that members may not be able to attend all meetings. However we ask that you strive to attend at least three meetings per year.