

Application Related Information

Application: Application Not Verified
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202410_GR_G
Program Name: MPA

Recommendation Information

Recommended By:
Kees Kolff

Recommenders Title: Hospital District
Commissioner

Recommenders Institution: Jefferson Healthcare

Contact Name: Greg Brotherton

Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to
review this recommendation.

Recommendation Waiver
Choice:

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date:
01/24/2023 11:11 AM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant
without reservation.

Recommendation Type:
General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of
Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108962662

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known
applicant:

5 years

Applicant ability as
self-directed learner: Greg takes enormous
initiative in exploring solutions
to complex, geopolitical
problems as a County
Commissioner.

Time since last contact with
applicant:

4 days

Applicant as productive
member of group: Greg's leadership as chair of
the Board of Health this past
year, when we all struggled
with the pandemic, was
exemplary.

Relationship with Applicant:

Co-worker, Board of Health

Applicant most significant
strengths: These are detailed in my
attached letter. Though I
generally hate to rate
someone as outstanding in all
ways, with Greg I have no
choice.

Ability to complete rigorous
grad program: Outstanding

Responsibility/reliability: Outstanding

Communication Skills - Oral: Outstanding

Communication skills -
written: Outstanding

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy: Outstanding

Ability to work independently: Outstanding

Ability to handle stress: Outstanding

Ability to think critically: Outstanding

Ability to analyze/problem
solve: Outstanding

Openness to feedback: Outstanding

Ability to work in a team: Outstanding

Ability to think creatively: Outstanding

Potential for leadership: Outstanding

Personal/professional
reflection: Outstanding

Description Information

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Other Information

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Modified By: Josephine Bernier

January 24, 2023

Re: Greg Brotherton's application
Masters of Public Administration

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you with enthusiastic support for Greg Brotherton's application for your Masters in Public Administration program. I have served with Greg on the Jefferson County Board of Health since he first took office as a Commissioner in 2019. He has demonstrated strong compassionate leadership in that role, bringing equitable analysis to the many codes and policies we work on together. His analysis on the rote work that comes before us makes for better written policy, and his creative and interpersonal skills benefit Jefferson County.

He demonstrated his steady leadership style during the COVID pandemic, defusing misinformation and effectively guiding our community. Jefferson County navigated very uncertain political and public health waters with the highest boosted and vaccinated rate in the state, though we have our share of those who are hostile towards mainstream science and against vaccinations. Greg was instrumental in guiding the county through the uncertain waters of an unprecedented pandemic with good policy, effective two-way communication, a positive attitude and appropriate humor.

Greg has been the chair of the Board of Health for the last year, and he manages those meetings very effectively, making sure that all are welcome, guiding the meeting with a steady head and good humor. He made our meetings both productive and pleasant, not often an easy task when people who disagree with our science show up with obvious hostility.

I am currently a Jefferson County Public Hospital District Commissioner and have had a varied career as Medical Director of a community health center, Mayor of Port Townsend, City Council member, and member of many boards. I have worked with many different people in the past 5 decades, and Greg stands out as one of the more genuine, bright and compassionate of all my previous coworkers.

I highly recommend Greg for your program and look forward to what he might bring to our shared work from his continuing education.

Respectfully,

Kees Kolff, MD, MPH
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