

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

AGENDA FOR CHANGE - Healthy Communities and Environments

Proposed Action Items

These are common actions proposed in the Community Transformation Grant applications from the Department of Health (DOH), Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC), Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department (TPCHD), and the Snohomish Health District (SHD).

TOBACCO-FREE LIVING

Increase the number of public housing properties with smoke-free policies.

Notes:

- DOH included the term **tobacco-free**; TPCHD and SHD specified **multi-unit** housing; and TPCHD included **private** multi-unit housing
- PHSKC specified **voluntary** policies; TPCHD did as well, however noted that this was to build support for a county-wide mandatory smoke-free housing policy

HEALTHY EATING

Support healthy procurement policies in institutional settings and government agencies.

Notes:

- TPCHD and SHD expanded the scope to include **workplaces and senior facilities**; DOH included **food banks and schools** in the local policy activity, and **prisons and juvenile detention centers** as examples of state institutions
- PHSKC and SHD included a **farm to institution purchasing** strategy
- SHD specified that procurement policies should **increase access to low sodium options** and **increase availability of fruits and vegetables**; PHSKC specified that policies should **meet the 2010 DGS for meals, snacks, and vending**; DOH noted that **local policies should include provisions from the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act**
- DOH included the **adoption of healthy meeting guidelines in all state agencies**; TPCHD included **getting Healthy Food Procurement (SB 5653) back on legislative ballot, technical assistance for organizations developing policies, and the development of a recognition program for businesses with a healthy food policy**

HEALTHY EATING

Increase access to healthy foods in communities, including grocery stores and small stores.

Notes:

- DOH and TPCHD targeted **food deserts in low income neighborhoods**; DOH also specified that **targeted neighborhoods have a high percentage of public housing**
- DOH, TPCHD, and SHD included **farmers' markets**; DOH and TPCHD included **community gardens**; TPCHD and SHD included **mobile vending carts** and **restaurant initiatives**; DOH included **food banks and convenience stores in the statewide policy**

HEALTHY AND SAFE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS

Increase adoption of comprehensive approaches to improve community design to enhance walking and bicycling and active transportation.

Notes:

- DOH and TPCHD specifically included **implementation of the Complete Streets Bill (HB 1071)**; PHSKC mentions **complete streets as one thing to consider when updating comprehensive plans**; SHD does not mention the term complete streets in their application.