

# PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

## MAY 13, 2011 MEETING

### PARTICIPANTS

<i>Co-Chairs</i>	Mary Selecky (DOH); Joe Lillard (Asotin)
<i>Staff</i>	Simana Dimitrova, Jane Lee
<i>Members</i>	Elaine Conley, Torney Smith (Spokane); Dennis Wosham for David Fleming (Seattle-King); Janis Koch (Clark); Barry Kling (Chelan-Douglas); John Austin (SBOH); Patrick O'Carroll (DHHS Region X); Rebecca Sullivan (LBOH); Stephen Kutz (Tribal Nations); Sheryl Lowe (AIHC); Allene Mares, Gregg Grunenfelder, Jennifer Tebaldi, Karen Jensen (DOH)

## MEETING NOTES

### WELCOME

*Mary Selecky, Joe Lillard*

Joe Lillard and Mary Selecky welcomed participants to the in-person 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Partnership meeting. Mary provided brief state budget update. She also shared some observations about a recent trip she'd taken with Duke University to Taiwan. Her take away – other countries may face different challenges and have different cultural approaches to health issues, but the role of public health is universal. Joe announced that this was his last meeting prior to his retirement and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to lead and co-chair the Partnership's work.

### AGENDA FOR CHANGE

*Gregg Grunenfelder, Agenda for Change Workgroup Co-Chair*

Gregg provided a brief overview of the Reshaping Public Health Workgroup which created the Agenda for Change in 2010. The Agenda focuses on the changing current environment and outlines a shared set of principles and decision considerations for policy, program and funding decisions. He also touched on changing disease trends, health care reform, and opportunities for the future.

The Partnership will be the focal point of coordination of the implementation and action on the Agenda for Change. To move the Agenda from a broad description of what the governmental public health system should focus on in the future, a special workgroup has been appointed. The scope of the work is to build on the Reshaping Public Health efforts, focus on the governmental public health system during the next 2 to 5 years. The workgroup will guide the process, continually scan the environment, oversee and review the output of the sub-workgroups, identify themes, key issues and gaps and integrate all these elements into an action plan for Washington's governmental public health system.



The role of the sub-workgroups will be to provide content expertise, consider topics broadly rather than based on funding streams, consider how to use existing resources more effectively.

The Agenda for Change workgroup will generate two publications in the next year and a half – an Interim Action Plan during the Fall of 2011 and the 2012 Public Health Improvement Plan.

**Discussion:**

How and when to involve partners? Public health can't go alone to make a real difference in population health but be careful - some partners may see us as competitors. Engage with partners early for early buy-in and ownership, examples - Emergency Preparedness and Access. Keep the small LHJs engaged and included on the workgroups. Start with 'baby steps' towards 10 year goals – early successes are important. Integrate the Agenda with WSALPHO's work. Integrate with Hospitals CHA efforts. Focus on policy changes – federal direction. Involve the tribes, they have similar issues and there are 29 in Washington.

**WORKGROUP UPDATES**

Workgroup updates were provided by:

- Barry Kling, Public Health Activities and Services Workgroup Co-Chair
- Jennifer Tebaldi, Public Health Indicators Workgroup Co-Chair
- Torney Smith, Public Health Standards Workgroup Co-Chair

To view these in detail, please visit

[www.doh.wa.gov/hip/doc/partner/mtg/2011/may/1.pdf](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hip/doc/partner/mtg/2011/may/1.pdf)

**DISCUSSION ON LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE PARTNERSHIP**

*Mary Selecky, Joe Lillard*

**PARTNER RECOGNITION**

*Mary Selecky*

Mary, on behalf of the Partnership expressed gratitude to Joe Lillard for his leadership as well as to Dr. Rebecca Sullivan. For both, this was a last Partnership meeting. Joe will be retiring at the end of August, Dr. Sullivan's appointment with the Local Board of Health terminates in June.

**NEXT STEPS**

The next meeting will be held on August 29, from 2-4 via iLinc.