



For Your Information – July 2007

At the State Board of Health (SBOH), we believe information is essential. For several years we have been making SBOH and health-related information available through the distribution of our Board meeting agendas with an attached segment simply called, "FYI". To make this information more accessible we have created this Web page. This page will be updated on a regular basis and should be considered the go-to source for current information on correspondence to and from the Board, a selection of health publications, and health-related conferences.

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Events and Conferences

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Jun. 18-21	NEHA 71st Annual Education Conference & Exhibition Atlantic City, New Jersey For information: http://www.neha.org/AEC/2007/index.html
Jun. 20-22	America's Health Insurance Plans Institute 2007 Annual Meeting Wynn Las Vegas Las Vegas, Nevada For information: http://www.ahip.org/links/institute2007/
Jun. 24-28	Eliminating Health Disparities: Data to Action Sheraton Hotel and the Convention Atlantic City, New Jersey For information: CSTE, 770-458-3811, www.cste.org
Jun. 25	Wildfires and Public Health Response Ellensburg, Washington

July 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
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| July 11-13 | NACCHO Annual Conference: Health Equity and Environmental Public Health - From Local to Global
Hyatt Regency Columbus
Columbus, Ohio
For information: http://www.naccho.org/conferences/nacchoannual07/ |
| July 13-14 | Navigating Conflicts When Parents and Providers Disagree about Medical Care
Bell Harbor International Conference Center
Seattle, Washington |
| July 16-18 | The Public Health Congress
Mandarin Oriental
Washington, D.C. |
| July 17 | Tuberculosis in the 21st Century
iLink Conference Call
For more information: http://www.nwcphp.org/training/hot-topics/2007-hot-topics/tuberculosis-in-the-21st-century |
| July 23-24 | 2007 National Healthcare Workforce Development Summit
Arlington, Virginia
For information: http://www.performanceweb.org/CENTERS/SP/Events/S246/ |
| July 26-27 | Emergency Preparedness Conference
Portland, Oregon
For information: Contact Ticey Casey, 503-416-3267 |

August 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
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| Aug. 5-9 | National Conference of State Legislators 2007 Annual Meeting
Boston, Massachusetts
For information: http://www.ncsl.org/annualmeeting/ |
| Aug. 9-10 | NPAIHB Emergency Preparedness Conference
Red Lion Hotel on the River Jantzen Beach
Portland, Oregon
For information: http://www.nwcphp.org/copy_of_emergency-preparedness-conference |
| Aug. 13-16 | 2007 CDC Cancer Conference on Meeting Future Challenges
Atlanta Hyatt Regency
Atlanta, Georgia
For information: www.cdccancerconference.net |
| Aug. 13-17 | UW Summer Institute for Public Health Practice: Keeping People Healthy: Renew |

your skills. Rethink your world.
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington
For information: http://www.nwcphp.org/training/summer-institute/index_html

Aug. 19-22 **The 2007 Quality Colloquium**
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts
For information: <http://www.qualitycolloquium.com/>

Aug. 28-29 **Partnerships for Healthy Youth**
Marriott Seattle-Tacoma Airport
SeaTac, Washington
For information: <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=133967>

September 2007

Date	Name and Location
Sept. 18-21	Prevent, Promote, and Protect: Building Board of Health Capacity ~ National Association of Local Boards of Health 15th Annual Conference The Hotel Captain Cook Anchorage, Alaska For information: www.nalboh.org

October 2007

Date	Name and Location
Oct. 2-5	ASTHO 2007 Annual Meeting St. Louis, Missouri For information: http://www.astho.org/
Oct. 5-7	Washington State Medical Association Annual Meeting "Call to Professionalism" Tacoma Sheraton Hotel Tacoma, Washington For information: http://www.wsma.org/memresources/calendar.html
Oct. 6	5th Annual Conference on Children's Health and the Environment Hyatt Reston Virginia For information: http://www.gwu.edu/~macche/restonconference07/
Oct. 8-10	Washington State Joint Conference on Health Yakima Convention Center Yakima, Washington For information: http://www.wspha.org/JCH1.html

Oct. 14-16 **NASHP's 20th Annual State Health Policy Conference**
Marriott Denver City Center
Denver, Colorado
For information: http://www.nashp.org/_conferences.cfm?LID=CON

Oct. 24-27 **2007 National Conference on Tobacco or Health**
Minneapolis, Minnesota
For information: <http://www.tobaccocontrolconference.org/2007/conference/index.cfm>

November 2007

Date	Name and Location
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Nov. 3-7	Politics Policy & Public Health: APHA 2007 Annual Meeting Washington D.C. For information: http://www.apha.org/meetings/
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Nov. 12	Working with the Media in High Stress and High Concern Situations: A Journalist and Risk Communicator's Perspective Sheraton National Hotel Arlington, Virginia For information: Contact Katie Smith at (703) 807-2758
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Nov. 13-14	2007 Preparing for Pandemic Influenza Conference Sheraton National Hotel Arlington, Virginia For information: Contact Katie Smith at (703) 807-2758
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April 2008

Date	Name and Location
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Apr. 4	Institute of Medicine's Future of Public Health 20 Years Later ~ NALBOH's 9th Annual Lecture in Public Health For information: http://www.nalboh.org/lecture/lecture.htm
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September 2008

Date	Name and Location
Sep. 9-12	ASTHO-NACCHO 2008 Joint Conference Sacramento, CA For information: http://www.naccho.org/conferences/NACCHOannual06/documents/NA_Conf_Guide_Back_Page.pdf

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Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

Chelan-Douglas County Board of Health Agenda

June 18, 2007

General business - call meeting to order

Consent agenda

a. approval of May 21, 2007 meeting minutes

b. approval of May payroll in the amount of \$213,842.14 and May benefits in the amount of \$58,603.03

c. approval of payment of vouchers no. 20070332 to 20070402 in the amount of \$38,518.44.

d. DSHS contracts:

-- Alternative response program/Earl intervention program

-- Passport program

Program update

Board discussion

Public comment

New business

Unfinished business

Reports

a. administrator

b. support services

c. personal health services

d. community health & preparedness

e. environmental health services

Adjournment

Chelan-Douglas Board of Health Minutes

May 21, 2007

General business ~ call to order

Consent agenda:

a. approval of April 16, 2007 minutes

b. approval of April payroll in the amount of \$214,708.37 and April benefits in the amount of \$59,988.50

c. approval of payment of vouchers no. 20070223 to 20070331 in the amount of \$90,398.65

Program update ~ digitization plan

Board discussion ~ none

Public comment

New business ~ res. no. 2007-002 surplus property

Unfinished business ~ none

Reports

a. administrator ~ new staff

b. environmental health director ~ program update, departing & new staff

c. nursing director ~ staffing

Adjournment

Columbia County Board of Health Agenda

June 18, 2007

Department Head Meeting

Miscellaneous:

a. Approval of June 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes

b. Letter: Dayton High School Alumni request for use of bleachers and Courthouse tour.

c. Letter: Brad Johnson – WRIA 35 request for public hearing

d. Warrants: May 2007 - #071984A to 072015A & 072094 thru 072612 in the amount of \$848,230.99

e. Joint County Commissioners Meeting – 6/18/07 at 6:00pm at Donna's Drive-in, Pomeroy, WA

Columbia County Board of Health Agenda

June 11, 2007

Approval of June 4, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Miscellaneous:

a. Dayton Days Request for Hotel/Motel Funds

b. DSHS Contract Amendment

c. Reminder: June 13, 2007 Board of Health Meeting in Pullman

d. Invitation: Haz Mat Tabletop Exercise – Friday, June 15, 2007 @ 1:00 pm at the County EOC

Columbia County Board of Health Minutes

June 4, 2007

Call to order

Approval of the May 21, 2007 meeting minutes.

Miscellaneous ~ The Commissioners will be attending the WSAC Conference on June 19 – 22nd. They will also attend the Washington State Board of Health Meeting in Pullman on June 13, 2007.

Representatives for Washington State Association of Counties will visit Columbia County on June 6, 2007.

Columbia County Public Health

a. Introduction of new staff, Penny Meisner

b. Review of the Personal Health Update, Environmental Update, and the Fiscal Update and Contract Report.

c. Review of proposed changes to administrative fees.

Columbia County Board of Health Minutes

May 21, 2007

Call to order

Approval of May 21, 2007 meeting minutes as corrected.

Grant County Board of Health Agenda

June 13, 2007

Approval of May 9, 2007 minutes

Public forum for citizen's comments and applications

Environmental health report

- a. proposed changes in fee ordinance
- b. introduction of ordinance for water recreation program
- c. land development review (water availability, plat issues, etc.)

Personal health/administrator report

a. memoranda of understanding/agreements: antiviral storage; healthy communities leadership coordination; safe kids lifejacket loan program; pandemic flu triage sites; and healthy youth survey data; equipment acceptance agreement for personal protective equipment.

- b. state public health funding

Health officer's report ~ salmonella cases/investigations

Approval of vouchers for May 31, 2007

Other business

Adjournment

Grant County Board of Health Minutes

May 9, 2007

Approval of April 11, 2007 minutes

Public forum for citizen's comments and applications ~ none

Environmental health report

- a. food inspections
- b. quarterly report

Personal health report

- a. tobacco compliance checks

Health officer's report

- a. Hepatitis A
- b. Salmonella
- c. National Safe Kids Week
- d. Funding

Approval of vouchers for April 30, 2007

Other business

- a. public health partnership awards

Adjournment

Kittitas County Board of Health Agenda

June meeting cancelled.

Next meeting: July 19, 2007

Lewis County Board of Health Agenda

June 11, 2007

Call to order

Determination of quorum

Approval of May 14, 2007 minutes

Consent agenda

a. H. Res. 061107.1 appoint Rachel Wood as health officer for Lewis County and Kathleen Eussen as administrative office of the Board of Health

Public health issues

- a. introduction of code compliance officer
- b. presentation of plaque to Dr. Yu

Hearing ~ Onsite sewage regulations: H.ORD.061107 Ordinance to amend Lewis County Code 8.40 which regulates onsite sewage systems
Health officer/administrator update
Adjournment

Lewis County Board of Health Minutes

May 14, 2007

Call to order

Determination of quorum

Approval of April 9, 2007 minutes

Changes in agenda ~ hearing scheduled for today has been postponed until next month's meeting

Notice ~ Notice of hearing: Lewis County Board of Health will hold a public hearing on June 11, 2007 at 9 a.m. in the Board of Health hearing room regarding the proposed amendment of Lewis County Code Chapter 8.40 which regulates on-site sewage

Consent agenda

a. H. Res. #051407.1 Approve amendment #2 - 2007 consolidated contract between Washington Department of Health and Lewis County effective 2007-2011

b. H Res. #051407.2 Approve resolution for contract with Lower Columbia College

Public health issues

a. letter from SBOH re: attending County Board of Health meeting

Health officer/administrator update

a. communicable disease report for 2006

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Agenda

June 20, 2007

Proposed health department budget for 2008

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes

May 23, 2007

Public health emergency preparedness & response (PHEPR)

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes

May 2, 2007

Call to order

Comments by the public ~ none

Regular agenda

a. needle exchange program discussion

Consent agenda

a. approval of April 4, 2007 & April 18, 2007 meeting minutes

Director of health report

a. strengthening families programs

b. wound care clinic

c. commercial of the year

d. legislative update

Comments by BOH members

Executive session ~ none

Adjournment

Walla Walla County Board of Health Agenda

June 18, 2007

Roll call and establish a quorum

Declarations re: conflict of interest

Public comment period (time limitations may be imposed)

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Resolution - Granting permission for out of state travel for Alex Luft
- b. Resolution - Appointing Designated Mental Health Professional to perform detention and commitment duties
- c. Approving county warrant 4065679 In the amount of \$21,184.51 (payroll taxes for draws)
- d. Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval
- e. Miscellaneous business to come before the Board
- f. Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

Walla Walla County Board of Health Agenda

June 11, 2007

Roll call and establish a quorum

Declarations re: conflict of interest

Public comment period (time limitations may be imposed)

Action Agenda Item:

- a. Resolution - Bid award for compressor replacement and equipment maintenance services for the County Juvenile Justice Center

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Resolution - Executing employment agreement with Tom Glover
- b. Execute contract for Star School Bridge paving project
- c. Approving county warrants

Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Resolution - Approving out of state travel for Health Department employee (Bassham-MA)
- b. Resolution - Approving out of state travel for Health Department employee (Bassham-AZ)

Department update and miscellaneous

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Public Health Leadership Positions Available

Environmental Health Specialist I/II

Chelan-Douglas Health District

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.cdhd.wa.gov/docs/Full%20EHS%20Recruitment.pdf>

Public Health Nurse II - First Steps Program

Kittitas County Health Department

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/hr/jobs.asp?jobID=348>

Senior Analyst - Operational Definition and Exploring Accreditation

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.naccho.org/careers/headquarters/HQ45.cfm>

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Publications - General Media

American Indian Populations Work to Integrate Western Medicine, Traditional Beliefs

RWJF, June 20, 2007

A growing number of American Indian tribes are working to provide culturally attuned care by integrating Western medicine with traditional healing elements such as herbal remedies, sweat lodges and elder retreats, the Associated Press reports. At a recent health conference of 150 Iroquois tribe elders at the Oneida Indian Nation in central New York, attendees spoke of traditional remedies' power to help patients achieve balance among their physical, psychological and spiritual issues. On the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation, for instance, traditional healers work in community health clinics alongside physicians and other caregivers. In addition, health officials from other New York-based Iroquois tribes, including the Onondagas, Cayugas, Oneidas, Senacas and Tuscaroras, report the ongoing use of traditional healers. Meanwhile, the University of Minnesota's Center of American Indian and Minority Health, which was established in 1987 to recruit more American Indian students to the university's medical school, provides cultural competency sessions for Western-trained physicians on the value of traditional healing practices (Kates, AP/Indian Country Today, 6/20/07).

As many as 1,700 in Washington may be unaware of HIV-positive status

Seattle Times, June 26, 2007

OLYMPIA — The state Department of Health says as many as 1,700 Washington residents may be HIV-positive without knowing it. State Health Officer Dr. Maxine Hayes says the department recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 be tested at least once for HIV and annually if that person is in an identified risk group. Nationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 180,000 to 280,000 people are unaware of their HIV infection. In Washington, the estimate ranges from 1,100 to 1,700. On Wednesday, state and local health agencies and community-based organizations are offering HIV testing and information throughout the state. Prevention work focuses on high-risk populations. Among these are homosexual, bisexual and transgender men; women with high-risk partners; and people who use contaminated needles to inject drugs

Boy's Drowning Bolsters a Call for Safer Pools

New York Times, June 25, 2007

SHIRLEY, N.Y., June 19 — When 3-year-old Anthony Muniz drowned in a neighbor's backyard pool here earlier this month, the tragedy was particularly piercing: Little Anthony had been named for his mother's teenage brother, who died in his family's pool years ago. Now Anthony's memory is building momentum for a bill to require pool alarms — \$200 to \$300 devices that sound when someone enters an

untended pool — that had been languishing in the Suffolk County Legislature. Jon Cooper, the Democratic majority leader, who introduced the bill in April, said that he had picked up six co-sponsors since Anthony's death, and that when he tried to buy an alarm for a demonstration, the first three stores he tried were sold out.

CDC Wants Teens Vaccinated Against Bacterial Meningitis

Washington Post, June 28, 2007

All 11-to-18-year-olds should be vaccinated against bacterial meningitis, a panel of advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said yesterday. The recommendation would expand the use of Menactra, also known as meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine or MCV4, which is now recommended for 11- and 12-year-olds.

Chains Refuse to Put Calories on Menus

Los Angeles Times, June 26, 2007

NEW YORK -- Don't expect to see the calorie count for Burger King's Double Whopper with cheese on the menu anytime soon. Burger King, McDonald's and Wendy's are among the chains planning to defy New York City's new rule that they begin posting calories on menus Sunday. Other big fast food eateries like Taco Bell and KFC aren't saying whether they will comply, but with just days to go until the deadline, the menu boards in their Big Apple restaurants remain unchanged.

City's ban on trans-fat oil takes effect

Los Angeles Times, July 2, 2007

The Big Apple's ban on trans-fat-laden cooking oils, the first of its kind in the nation, is now in effect. Along with the ban, fast-food restaurants are now required to post calories on their menu. Few, however, were complying with the calorie rule. Most fast-food chains reversed their initial opposition to the ban and implemented it ahead of the deadline, the city Health Department reported.

Declining Death Rate Among Diabetic Men Does Not Extend to Diabetic Women

RWJF, June 19, 2007

A study published online in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* finds that death rates among diabetic men declined significantly between 1971 and 2000, but those improvements did not extend to diabetic women, Reuters reports. For the study, researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) analyzed data on approximately 27,000 people ages 35 to 74 who participated in three consecutive National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys conducted between 1971 and 2000. The researchers found that the all-cause death rate among diabetic men declined from 42.6 deaths per 1,000 people annually between 1971 and 1986 to 24.4 deaths per 1,000 people annually between 1988 and 2000, representing a 43 percent relative risk reduction in age-adjusted mortality. All-cause mortality rates among diabetic women, however, increased from 18.4 deaths per 1,000 people annually between 1971 and 1986 to 25.9 deaths per 1,000 people annually between 1988 and 2000. Moreover, the disparity in all-cause death rates between diabetic and non-diabetic women more than doubled across the study period.

Enforcement of Calorie-Count Rule Is Delayed

The New York Times, June 20, 2007

In response to a federal lawsuit, New York City health officials said yesterday that they would wait three months before enforcing a new rule that requires most major fast-food and chain restaurants to prominently display calorie information on their menus. The lawsuit, filed last week by the New York State Restaurant Association, contends that the regulation conflicts with federal nutrition labeling laws and violates the First Amendment rights of restaurants. The city's Department of Health and Mental

Hygiene said the delay would have little impact. The regulation, which takes effect July 1, already gives restaurants a three-month grace period before inspectors begin imposing fines.

Group sues NYC over new calorie rules

Yahoonews.com, June 15, 2007

A restaurant trade group asked a court Friday to outlaw a new city regulation that would require some eateries to list calorie counts on their menu boards right next to the price. The New York State Restaurant Association filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, asking that the rule be declared unconstitutional and that it be awarded unspecified damages. The association said the rule would apply only to a small group of restaurants — effectively punishing those that have made efforts to tell the public the nutritional facts about food on their menus.

HIV testing the most effective prevention tool available

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, June 26, 2007

For more than 25 years, the world has endured one of the most devastating epidemics in human history. AIDS has killed more than 25 million, tearing apart families, destroying communities and even threatening the stability of nations. The disease is local and deeply personal, as too many of our family members, friends and partners have been lost to it. That's why it is frustrating today that we continue to experience far too many new HIV infections, adding to a legacy of disease that we can prevent. Many people in our community are working hard to reduce infections, and have saved lives and prevented suffering. But in a community that is committed to continually improving the health of residents, there is more work we must do to prevent the spread of HIV.

Indian health care facing many challenges: Director says agency working to eliminate disparities

Spokesman Review, June 27, 2007

DENVER – The director of the U.S. Indian Health Service told tribal leaders Tuesday he wants his agency to eliminate disparities within the American Indian health care system as well as those that exist between tribal and traditional health care. Access to tribal – and traditional – medical facilities, coordinating insurance payments for both types of care and ensuring Native Americans are adequately insured are among the many challenges facing the agency, Dr. Charles Grim told a congregation of the Direct Service Tribes. The group includes tribes that allow the federal government to regulate their health care and education programs.

Mental health parity should be approved

News-Record.com, Jun 29, 2007 (Opinion)

The stigma of mental illness can prevent people who need psychiatric help from getting it. They're even less likely to seek treatment if their insurance doesn't pay for care or leaves them in a financial bind. Legislation requiring equal treatment from insurance companies for mental and physical illness appears headed for approval in the General Assembly. This week, a committee passed on to the full Senate a parity bill. In May, the House, with only one dissenting vote, approved a somewhat different version. Parity in coverage should encourage more North Carolinians to seek treatment for mental disorders. By getting the help they need, there's a better chance they can return to productive lives. And timely access to private care at home eases the costly drain on a faltering state mental health system.

Migrant housing needs real solution

Tri-City Herald, June 22, 2007

The recent closures of three migrant labor camps near Othello couldn't have come at a worse time for the workers or their employers. The camps were shut down for good reason to be sure -- failing septic systems, questionable water supplies, holes in floors and faulty electrical systems topped the list of

violations. No one should live in those conditions. While housing for laborers moving with the crops and the season always has been a difficult issue and was documented here as far back as 1919, it became more taxing in 1998 when the state Board of Health approved more stringent standards.

National Cancer Institute Project Aims to Reduce Health Disparities, Improve Research

RWJF, June 15, 2007

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), part of the National Institutes of Health, on Thursday announced hospital participants in a new three-year pilot project to improve cancer care among underserved patients, the Denver Business Journal reports. Slated for implementation at eight community hospitals and six health care system-operated hospitals, the Community Cancer Centers program will facilitate research and encourage collaboration among private-practice medical, surgical and radiation oncologists. The initiative will include cancer centers in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, South Carolina and South Dakota.

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Publications - Inside This Issue

Advances

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, June 2007

<http://www.rwjf.org/publications/newsletterlist.jsp>

- Healthier America Summit Grapples With Pressing Public Issues
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Community Catalyst Announce \$12M Effort to Support Consumer Advocacy for Health Care Coverage
- Foundation Supports Launch of Web Site Dedicated to Pediatric Asthma
- Foundation-Supported Study Shows Hospital Care in America is Separate but Not Equal
- Foundation to Award Up to \$2.2 Million in Second Round of Advancing Recovery Grants
- Foundation Awards Grant to the American Dental Education Association to Address Diversity and Access in Health Professions Education

Alliance

- Western Washington Area Health Education Center, Spring 2007
- WWAHEC's Summer Student Placements
 - Rural/underserved opportunities program
 - 2007 project H.O.P.E. students selected
- New Resources
 - Teamstepps strategies and tools to enhance performance and patient safety
 - Resources to help adolescents choose a smokeless future
 - TDAP: new school requirement
- From near-death to full life: the contributions of a volunteer dentist
- Photos from the 20th annual northwest regional rural health conference
- Stroke prevention in rural Washington
- National AHEC organization thanks Alaska Senator Murkowski
- The National Association for Rural mental Health is 30 years old!
- Healthcare supplies sought for international volunteer outreach project

E-Health

Association of State and Territory Health Officials

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/2/archives.php?u=Jmk9Mg%3D%3D>

Elaborations

Department of Health, June 2007

http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/lqa_newsletters.htm

- Testing Personnel Competency Assessment
- Minimum Method Validation Process - Moderate Complexity Testing
- MTS License Renewal Activities Near Completion

Environmental Health News

Association of State and Territory Health Officials, May 2007

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/3/archives.php?u=Jmk9Mw%3D%3D>

State funding opportunities

- EPA Indoor Environments: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants Grants
- EPA Reducing the Environmental and Health Impacts of School Siting, Request for Proposals (RFP)
- EPA Smart Growth Streets and Emergency Response Request for Proposal (RFP)

State news

- Environmental health news from Arkansas, California, Minnesota, New Mexico and Ohio.
- Division of Health Begins Statewide Surveillance for West Nile Virus in May
- Food Flavoring Suspected in Illness
- State Faces Perfluorochemical Groundwater and Fish Contamination Issues
- Department of Health Confirms Human Plague Case
- State Enforces Indoor Smoking Ban

Federal news

- CDC Interim Guidance Issued for the Use of Facemasks and Respirators in Public Settings During an Influenza Pandemic
- EPA Compound Allowed as Alternative to Ozone-Depleting Chemicals for Specific Uses
- FDA Advises Low Risk of Illness from Food Containing Melamine
- HHS Celebrates Annual Women's Health Week
- HHS Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week

New resources

- EPA Tool to Help Answer Air Quality Questions
- EPA Free DVD's and Resources for Healthy School

Environments

- Poster on Environmental Risks to Children

ASTHO Annual Conference 2007 Call for Presentations

Upcoming events

- FDA Food Defense Workshop
- EPA Climate Change and Children's Environmental Health Disparities Webcasts
- EPA's National Asthma Forum
- NEHA's 71st Annual Education Conference and Exhibition
- 2007 CSTE Annual Conference
- APHA's 135th Annual Meeting and Exposition

EpiLog

Public Health Seattle & King County, Vol. 47, No. 6, June 2007

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/epilog/index.htm>

- King County prepares for West Nile Virus
- CDC's immunization update 2007

EpiLog

Public Health Seattle & King County, Vol. 47, No. 5, May 2007

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/epilog/index.htm>

- Reminder! Dangers of eating raw shellfish
- Zebra of the month! - An unusual case of otitis
- New vaccine protects against cervical cancer, genital warts

Issue Brief

Center for Studying Health System Change

<http://www.hschange.org/index.cgi?func=pubs&what=2>

The Nation's Health

<http://www.apha.org/publications/tnh/>

NewsBrief

National Association of Local Boards of Health

<http://www.nalboh.org/publications/newsbrief/newsbrief.htm>

Public Health Preparedness

Association of State and Territory Health Officials, May 2007

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/9/archives.php?u=Jmk9OQ%3D%3D>

ASTHO News

- We've Moved!
- ASTHO 2007 Annual Meeting – Call for Presentations
- State Health Care Emergency Volunteer Workshop
- Mexican Border Report

Case Studies in Performance Measurement

- Virginia Tech Shooting

NACCHO's Project Public Health Ready

Federal Updates

- CDC Releases Interim Guidance on Use of Facemasks by the General Public
FDA Creates New Food Safety Position

State News

- Indiana Hosts Nuclear Bomb Response Drill
- Minnesota Launches "Code Ready" Campaign
- New York State Develops Proposal for Ventilator Rationing in Influenza Pandemic

Public Health Resources and Reports

- Healthcare Pandemic Preparedness Guidance
- Pandemic Influenza Best Practices
- Pandemic Flu Leadership Blog

Upcoming Events

Washington State Board of Health ~ FYI Newsletter ~ July 2007

<http://www.sboh.wa.gov/FYI/FYI.htm>

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- 2007 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium, June 3 – 7, Cincinnati, Ohio
- AoA Hosts Emergency Preparedness Webinar Series, Multiple Dates, 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET
- Biological Disaster Response Training Course, June 7, 2007, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Partnerships and Collaboration through Citizen Corps - National Conference on Community Preparedness, June 10-13, 2007, Alexandria, Virginia
- Homeland Security Medical Executive Course, June 18 – 22, 2007, Reno, Nevada
- National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials Mid-Year Meeting, June 18-19, 2007, Arlington, Virginia
- CIDER Summer Intensive Program, June 19 – 21, 2007, Burlingame, California
- Second National Congress on Health System Readiness, July 18 – 20, 2007, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC
- MIT Summer Professional Courses, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Combating Bioterrorism / Pandemics: Implementing Policies for Biosecurity, July 23-25, 2007
- Radiological Dispersion Device (RDD) Response, June 26-29 and July 31-August 3, 2007, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Public Health Preparedness

Association of State and Territory Health Officials, April 2007

<http://www.astho.org/newsletter/newsletters/9/archives.php?u=Jmk9OQ%3D%3D>

- NGA Center for Best Practices Releases Governor's Guide to Homeland Security
- Case Studies in Performance Measures
- Tennessee's Response to Rabid Horse at Walking Horse National Celebration

Federal Updates

- HRSA Issues Draft Guidance on Health Center Liability in Emergencies
- HHS Releases Plan for Development and Purchase of Medical Countermeasures

State News

- Kentucky Receives Green SNS Rating

Public Health Preparedness Resources and Reports

- Planning Beyond Borders: Using Project Public Health Ready as Regional Planning Guidance for Local Public Health
- Criminal and Epidemiological Investigation Handbook
- New GAO Reports on Preparedness

Upcoming Events

- 6th UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters
- The New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association Annual Conference
- Integrating Community Health Centers in Community Response
- Biosafety and Biosecurity for Clinical Laboratories
- Advanced Hands-On CAMEO Training
- Helping Children Cope With Disasters
- 2007 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium
- Biological Disaster Response Training Course
- Partnerships and Collaboration Through Citizen Corps - National Conference on Community Preparedness
- National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials Mid-Year Meeting
- Second National Congress on Health System Readiness

State Health Notes

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- "Show me" state shows its old Medicaid program the door ~ Missouri's new "MO HealthNet" will allow Medicaid beneficiaries to choose from among three types of health plans: risk-bearing managed-care organizations; entities that will provide only administrative services; or state-administered point-of-service plans.
- Pennsylvania scope of practice battle is just part of filling a prescription ~ Gov. Edward Rendell's "Prescription for Pennsylvania" would seek to expand access in part by broadening the scopes of practice for nurses and other health-care professionals.
- Legislators fighting obesity by expanding physical education from 2005 to 2007, lawmakers considered at least 95 bills that pertain to school physical education programs. About half of those were enacted.
- Highlights ~ Emergency preparedness...Hospital mortality...
- New report ranks states on their health care ~ The first scorecard to rank individual states according to their performance on five health-care indicators found wide variations across the nation.

State Health Notes

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- Wisconsin creates a purchasing pool for farmers ~ Wisconsin farmers have a cheaper way to purchase health insurance thanks to a new version of an old tool. The Farmer's Health Cooperative of Wisconsin will enable farmers to buy lower-cost insurance that covers work-related injuries.
- States helping veterans obtain mental health care ~ Texas, Massachusetts and Minnesota are among the states that are enhancing mental health services for members of the military returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.
- State "Navigator" programs help children stay with family members ~ Grandparents and other family members often step in to care for the 6 million children whose parents are unable or unwilling to carry out their responsibilities. States are helping these caregivers (who are often elderly and low-income) obtain available services.
- Highlights ~ GAO report on IGTs...TX Tackles Cancer...MD battles STDs...Needle exchanges in CA, D.C....
- Graphically Speaking: Nonprofit groups rely on Medicaid ~ A new report finds that some human services nonprofits are "medicalizing" their services in order to obtain funding from Medicaid.

Thrive!

Washington Health Foundation, Spring/Summer 2007

<http://www.whf.org/News/ThriveMagazine.aspx>

- Feature Story: All Nations Cup
- Latina Health Fair 2007
- CHILD Profile
- Legislative Wrap Up
- Dine Out for Your Health
- Bridgeport: Striding Towards Health
- Washington Wellness

WSMA Reports

Washington State Medical Association

Zoonotic Disease Newsletter

Washington State Department of Health, Vol. 1, Issue 6, June 2007

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/zdnewsletter.html>

- Seattle focuses on catch basins in preparation for increased
- West Nile virus activity
- Avoid rabies - don't touch bats or other wild animals
- Plague monitoring helps detect potential outbreaks
- Bird feeding precautions urged to stem bird disease
- New West Nile virus educational materials available
- West Nile virus activity in the northwest
- West Nile virus and zoonoses news and research headlines

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<http://www.ajpm-online.net/>

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- Vol. 32, No. 6, June 2007

American Journal of Public Health

<http://www.ajph.org/current.shtml>

- Vol. 97, Issue 6, June 1, 2007

Environmental Health Perspectives

Journal of the National Institute of Environmental Health

<http://www.ehponline.org/>

- Vol. 115, No. 7, July 2007
- Vol. 115, No. 6, June 2007

Health Affairs

<http://www.healthaffairs.org/>

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<http://jama.ama-assn.org/>

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The Journal of Health Politics, Policy & Law

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Preventing Chronic Disease

CDC

<http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/>

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Highlighted Journal Articles

- **Analyzing a Community-based Coalition's Efforts to Reduce Health Disparities and the Risk for Chronic Disease in Kansas City, Missouri**

Preventing Chronic Disease, Vol. 4, No. 3, July 2007

Although it is well known that racial and ethnic minorities in the United States have a higher prevalence of chronic diseases and a higher rate of related deaths than the overall U.S. population, less is understood about how to create conditions that will reduce these disparities.

- **The Cradle to Prison Pipeline: An American Health Crisis**

Preventing Chronic Disease, Vol. 4, Issue 3, July 2007

Suppose that during the next decade, a quarter of all the children born in New York, North Carolina, Texas, Colorado, Ohio, and Pennsylvania were infected by a virulent new strain of polio or tuberculosis sometime during their youth. Clearly, our response to a health crisis affecting that many children would be to mobilize the nation's vast public health resources. Medical laboratories would operate around the clock to develop new vaccines.

- **Disparities in Health Care Are Driven by Where Minority Patients Seek Care**

Archives of Internal Medicine, Vol. 167, No. 12, June 25, 2007

Examination of the Hospital Quality Alliance Measures

Background: Racial/ethnic disparities in health care are well documented, but less is known about whether disparities occur within or between hospitals for specific inpatient processes of care. We assessed racial/ethnic disparities using the Hospital Quality Alliance Inpatient Quality of Care Indicators.

Conclusions: Disparities in clinical process of care measures are largely the result of differences in where minority and nonminority patients seek care. However, disparities in services requiring

counseling exist within hospitals after controlling for site of care. Policies to reduce disparities should consider the underlying reasons for the disparities.

- **From Lifestyle to Social Determinants: New Directions for Community Health Promotion Research and Practice**

Preventing Chronic Disease, Vol. 4, Issue 3, July 2007

Health promotion provides a powerful tool for improving health in the 21st century, but researchers and practitioners have yet to achieve consensus on its scope. Globalization, urbanization, an aging population, and rising rates of chronic diseases are creating new health challenges throughout the world. How can health professionals respond to these changing circumstances? What are the relevant paradigms for promoting health today? How can universities help move health promotion into a new era?

- **Inequitable Funding May Cause Health Care Disparities**

Archives of Internal Medicine, Vol. 167, No. 12, June 25, 2007

A landmark Supreme Court ruling, the Civil Rights Act, and Medicare legislation in the early 1960s led to the coerced integration of American hospitals in cities with substantial minority populations.² After 1965, hospitals had to accept both Medicare and nonpaying minority patients. As a result, hospitals in geographic areas with substantial low-income minority populations became increasingly financially disadvantaged in subsequent years. Many hospitals eventually left inner-city areas because high numbers of uninsured and underinsured patients made these hospitals economically unviable. Similarly, primary care providers and clinics have fled low-income inner-city areas for suburban areas with better payer mix and fewer minority patients. Hospitals and clinics have found that geography determines profitability. As a result, in many communities, hospital segregation has recurred along socioeconomic lines.

- **New Partners, New Tools, New Possibilities: Views From the Fields of Education and Public Health**

Preventing Chronic Disease, Vol. 4, Issue 3, July 2007

School-based programs should be a key component of a comprehensive community health promotion agenda. Youth who are ill, are physically inactive, use tobacco, or use other drugs are unlikely to succeed in school. Furthermore, the burden that chronic diseases place on our nation's medical and economic systems will likely worsen unless we in public health are able to prevent the risk among our young people (1). Our nation's 121,000 schools can play a critically important role in improving the health of children and adolescents. School-based health promotion programs also can have a positive impact on the academic performance, quality of life, and economic productivity of students (2).

- **Research, Curricula, and Resources Related to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health in US Schools of Public Health**

American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 97, Issue 6, June 1, 2007

To assess the extent to which public health schools conduct research, offer planned curricula, and provide resources related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health, we mailed a self-administered questionnaire to individual department chairpersons at each school. Survey results suggested that departmental lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender research and curricular activities extending beyond HIV and AIDS were uncommon in most public health school programs. Expanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health research and curricula may help health professionals improve their response to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health disparities.

- **Thinking Aloud About Poverty and Health in Rural Mississippi**

Preventing Chronic Disease, Vol. 4, No. 3, July 2007

Poverty and health status are interrelated, and their effects on each other are often bidirectional: poverty leads to poor health and poor health leads to poverty (1,2). In addition, life challenges associated with poverty, whether short- or long-term, create conditions that reduce household savings, lower learning ability, and reduce physical and emotional well-being (1), all of which endanger people's health (1,2). Many Mississippians, especially the 51% who live in rural counties (3), experience poverty levels that are hard to imagine for most Americans. In particular, in recent years poor Mississippians faced heavy job losses in industries that once provided high wages and good benefits (4). These job losses led to decreases in annual income, increases in bankruptcies, and a declining number of people with health insurance (5). For example, from 2000 to 2003, median household incomes fell by \$3,910 to \$32,728, and the number of poor people increased by 38,000 to 456,000 (5). Regardless of location, poor people are more likely than affluent people to lack health insurance (6), so we can assume that many of the 19% of respondents to the Mississippi Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System who said they had no health insurance are poor (7).

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