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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members
FROM: Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **2008 STATE HEALTH REPORT, INITIAL OUTLINE**

Background and Summary

RCW 43.20.050(b) requires the State Board of Health to produce a State Health Report every two years "that outlines the health priorities of the ensuing biennium." The report must be produced in January of even numbered years for the Governor to approve, modify, or disapprove. If approved, the report is meant to be used by state agency administrators as a guide for preparing agency budgets and executive request legislation for the following biennium. The next report, due to the Governor in January, would establish executive branch priorities for the 2009-11 biennium. These would be reflected in the budgets and request legislation developed by agencies next summer 2008 and reviewed by the Office of Financial Management next fall. They would also be reflected in the Governor's December 2008 budget proposal and in request legislation introduced in January 2007.

Attached for review and comment is a proposed outline for the *2008 State Health Report*. The outline has been reviewed by the Governor's Executive Policy Office and members of the Agency Medical Director's Group, and it was well received. I am proposing a three-section report. Section one would be an essay by the Board chair very much like last year's (see attached). It would be updated and headings for the six strategic areas would be reworded to match the Board's strategic plan. Section two would review legislation from last year, since much of that work will carry forward into 2008 and 2009. Section three would be prospective. Key elements would be summaries of two five-year plans recently developed by state agencies, one on quality purchasing and one on prevention and health promotion. Smaller articles about planning for public health accountability, persistent bioaccumulative toxins (chemical action plans), and health disparities will ensure the report touches on efforts related to each of the six areas.

At this time, I would like to know if there is general support on the Board for the direction suggested by the outline. A draft of the report is expected to be available to the Board for review, comment and possible approval at the January 9, 2008 meeting. This timeline would allow the Board to transmit the proposed text to the Governor in January. Design and production of the report does not begin until the Governor has approved it.

Recommended Board Action

None.