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Board Discusses HIV name retention, mental health

Wednesday, May 10, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Red Lion Hotel Columbia Center, 1101 North Columbia Center Blvd., Kennewick

At its meeting Wednesday, May 10, in Kennewick, the Washington State Board of Health will hear an update from the Department of Health on proposed changes to the HIV reporting rules that would allow names to be retained. Currently the names of people with asymptomatic HIV disease must be converted to code in 90 days. Not allowing state retention would jeopardize \$3 to \$5 million in federal funds awarded the state under the Ryan White CARE Act.

The Board will hear briefings by Dave Knutson, senior research analyst for the House Health Care Committee and staff to the Joint Legislative and Executive Task Force on Mental Health Services Delivery and Financing, on the task force's work and mental health reform legislation. Ken Stark, director of the Washington State Mental Health Transformation State Improvement Grant, will discuss ongoing activities under that grant.

In addition, the Board will continue discussions from last month on on-site sewage systems and will consider delegating authority to DOH to revise state rules governing larger drinking water systems in order to conform to federal regulations. The Board will also review a preliminary draft of its strategic plan

Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the State Board of Health at (360) 236-4110 or by visiting the Board's Web site at www.sboh.wa.gov. The emergency and press contact number for the Board during the meeting is 360-701-2398.

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