



For Your Information – June 2006

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

June 2006

Date	Name and Location
June 8	Active Living Leadership in Washington - Focus on Transportation, Land Use, Public Awareness For information: http://www.beactive.org/resources.htm The Centre at Norpoint Tacoma, Washington
June 12-14	Management Skills for Emerging Leaders in Environmental Health and Safety For information: contedu@hsph.harvard.edu Harvard School of Public Health Kresge Building Boston, Massachusetts
June 12-14	The Public's Health and the Law in the 21st Century For information: www.aslme.org Westin Peachtree Plaza Atlanta, Georgia
June 25-27	AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting 2006

For information: <http://www.academyhealth.org/arm/abstracts>
Washington State Convention & Trade Center
Seattle, Washington

June 25-28 National Environmental Health Association 70th Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition
For information: www.neha.org
San Antonio, Texas

July 2006

Date	Name and Location
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July 14-15	Ethical Issues Related to Vaccination of Children For information: http://www.seattlechildrens.org/bioethics/ Bell Harbor International Conference Center Seattle, Washington
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July 26-29	The National Association of Local Boards of Health's 14th Annual Conference For information: www.nalboh.org Sheraton Gunter Hotel San Antonio, Texas
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October 2006

Date	Name and Location
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Oct. 16-18	Health Across the Generations: Demonstrating the Value of Public Health For information: http://www.wspha.org/JCH1.html Yakima Convention Center Yakima, Washington
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Oct. 26-27	Blood Borne: A Silent Epidemic For information: amy.shaeffer@commonhealthcenter.org Hyatt Regency Chicago, Illinois
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November 2006

Date	Name and Location
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Nov. 4-8	Public Health and Human Rights: American Public Health Association's 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition For information: http://apha.org/meetings/ Boston Convention & Exhibition Center Boston, Massachusetts
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Nov. 9-10	Improving Health Through Partnerships: 2006 Tribal Leader Health Summit For information: http://www.aihc-wa.org Little Creek Casino Resort Shelton, Washington
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Correspondence

Correspondence from the Board

- **Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen**
Response to letter regarding standards for permitting emerging technologies that may be suitable for drain field recovery and nitrogen removal.
- **Senators Honeyford, Morton, Poulsen, and Regala and Representatives Chase, Eickmeyer, Green, McCloy, O'Brien, and Sullivan**
Response to letter requesting the Department of Health to adopt rules to facilitate adoption of new and existing technologies for onsite septic systems.
- **Ms. Jackie Szikszoy Ramels**
Response to letter regarding the large-scale national distribution of human tissues for medical uses that had been taken illegally from cadavers in New York.

Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

- **Benton-Franklin District Board of Health Agenda**
May 25, 2006
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Pandemic Flu Exercise
 - Public Health Emergency Preparedness
 - Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program Overview
 - Building Updates
 - Announcements
 - Approval of Vouchers
 - Executive Session
 - Date of Next Meeting
- **Chelan-Douglas Health District Minutes**
April 17, 2006
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Approval of March Payroll
 - Approval of Payment Vouchers
 - Contracts
 - Program Update on highlights in the Communicable Disease portion of the 2005 Annual Report
 - Board Discussion - None
 - Public Comment
 - New Business

-Unfinished Business - None
-Reports

- **Chelan-Douglas Health District Minutes**
May 15, 2006

-General Business - Call to Order
-Consent Agenda - Approval of April Meeting Minutes, April Payroll, and Payment Vouchers, and contracts
-Program Update: Food and Pool Programs
-Board Discussion
-Public Comment
-New Business: Amendment to Chapter 4.32 of the Health Code
-Unfinished Business
-Reports: Administrator, Support Services, Personal Health Services, and Environmental Health Services

- **Grant County Board of Health Agenda**
April 12, 2006

-Approval of March 8, 2006 Minutes
-Public Forum for Citizen's comments and applications - None
-Environmental Health Report: February and March Inspection Report; Quarterly Report
-Personal Health/Administrator Report: Injury Prevention and Safe Kids Report; Quarterly Report; Ordinance 2006-4 2006 Budget Revision
-Health Officer's Report: 2005 Audit; Public Health Standards; Health Officer Coverage; Strategic Planning; Moses Lake School District Absenteeism; Warden Chicken Pox Outbreak; Tuberculosis Update; Nursing Home; Salmonella; Public Health Week; World TB Day; Dr. Atwood, former Health Officer; Pandemic Flu Exercise
-Approval of Vouchers
-Other Business - None

- **Grant County Board of Health Agenda**
May 10, 2006

-Approval of April 12, 2006 Minutes
-Public Forum for Citizen's comments and applications
-Environmental Health Report: First Quarter Budget Statistics, Update on EH Programs
-Personal Health/Administrator Report: Quarterly Report
-Public Comment
-Health Officer's Report: Pandemic Flu Exercise/Avian Flu Update, Strategic Planning, TB Update
-Approval of Vouchers
-Other Business

- **Grays Harbor County Board of Health Minutes**
January 19, 2006

-Call to Order

- Approval of Minutes
- Health Officer Report
- Public Health and Social Services Director Report
- Environmental Health Report
- Grays Harbor Community Hospital
- Clean Indoor Air Act
- Pandemic Flu Planning
- On-site Program
- Public Comment - None

- **Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes**

April 20, 2006

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Public Comments
- Old Business: Letter to Law Enforcement Officials re: Jefferson County Board of Health Clean Indoor Air Ordinance; Tuberculosis Editorial-Kitsap Sun; Big Brother, Big Sisters of Jefferson County 2004-05 Project Summary
- Added Agenda Item: Ordinance to Amend the Board of Health
- New Business: 2004 Jefferson County Healthy Youth Survey; Nurse Family Partnership-Jefferson County Impacts; WIC Program 2005 Report; Environmental Health Updates-Onsite Program Permitting and Hood Canal Septic System Repair Loans; Health Officer Updates
- Pandemic Flu Planning
- On-site Program
- Public Comment - None

- **Jefferson County Board of Health Agenda**

May 18, 2006

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of April 20, 2006 Minutes
- Public Comments
- Old Business and Information Items: Amend Ordinance 03-0505-97, Section 8.00.080 (Rules and Records of Proceedings) BOH Meetings; WIC Budget Letter; Onsite program scheduled actions
- New Business: EnviroStars Award; Expanded Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment and Therapeutic Court Funds 1/10 of 1% Sales Tax; Irondale Residents Letter of Concern
- Agenda Planning

- **King County Board of Health Agenda**

June 16, 2006

- Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members
- Approval of May 19, 2006 Minutes
- General Public Comments
- Chair's Report
- Board Member's Update
- Director's Report

- Administrator's Report
- Drowning and Drowning Prevention
- Public Health Operational Master Plan (PHOMP) Update

- **Snohomish Health District Board of Health Agenda**

May 9, 2006

- Call to Order
- Chair's Report
- Health Officer's Report: Washington Health Foundation/Healthiest State in the Nation campaign; Monthly Report
- Approval of April 11, 2006 Minutes
- Public Comment Period
- Committee Reports and Standing Reports: Administration Committee; Program Policy Committee; Standing Reports and Comments
- Consent Agenda: Approval of Resolution 06-07, authorizing April 2006 expenditures for Health District, AIDS and PHEPR funds; Approval of 2006 Vehicle Purchases; and Approval of Revised Travel Reimbursement Policy
- Action Items: Approval of lift for rear entryway of Rucker Building
- Discussion Items: Drainfield Awareness Vital Education (DAVE) presentation; State Board of Health attendance at Board meeting
- Information Items
- Executive Session
- Other Business

- **Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health Agenda**

May 25, 2006

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Citizen Input
- Chair Report
- Public Comment Period
- Health Officer Report
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Vouchers
- Action Items: Bylaws Amendment; Resolution 06-01 Authorizing a 2006 General Fund Budget Amendment; Board Meeting Time
- Reports: Update on Business Information System
- Board member Concerns
- Executive Session
- Health Officer Salary

- **Tacoma/Pierce County Board of Health Minutes**

April 5, 2006

- Tahoma Resilience (Strategic National Stockpile) Exercise - April 4-6
- Comments by the Public
- Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes; Resolutions No. 2006-3844 through 2006-3847

- Regular Agenda: Resolutions 2006-3848 and 2006-3849
- Director of Health Comments: Summit on Planning for Pandemic Flu in Washington State; Walkability Audit of Old Town Tacoma
- Comments by Board of Health Members
- Executive Session

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Publications - General Media

- **20 Things we Could do to be Healthier**
Seattle Times, May 18, 2006
What preventive measures would keep us healthiest for the least money? Former Surgeon General David Satcher led an alliance of health insurers, state health departments, academics and trade groups as they tried to answer that question by reviewing more than 8,000 preventive-medicine studies.
- **Autism Affects 1 in 175 US Children**
HealthySchools.org, May 4, 2006
The first-ever national estimate of the prevalence of autism in the United States finds the behavioral disorder affects up to one in every 175 school-age children -- a total of more than 300,000 youngsters. That finding comes from researchers at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, who presented their conclusions at a press conference on Thursday.
- **Balance of Power on Mental Health**
The News Tribune, May 24, 2006
With six of its 10 members selected, a governing board that will run the county's mental health system is quickly taking shape. The Pierce County Council on Tuesday chose members Barbara Gelman, Tim Farrell and Dick Muri to fill its three slots on the board. Gelman chairs the council's Public Safety and Human Services Committee, which deals with mental health issues, among others. Farrell and Muri are committee members. Across the table will sit County Executive John Ladenburg and two people from his office: Chief of Staff Lyle Quasim and Budget and Finance Department Director Patrick Kenney. Three public members are being sought. Candidates must live in Pierce County and have relevant mental health knowledge as, for instance, a provider, administrator or relative of someone with mental illness. A tribal member is being sought as well.
- **A Belated About-face on HIV**
The News Tribune, May 21, 2006
It's about time. Washington State is about to join most of the rest of the country in tracking HIV infections the same way other epidemics are tracked. The state Board of Health is poised – under pressure from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control – to abandon a politically driven 1999 policy that forbade local public health agencies from maintaining confidential registries of people who'd tested positive for HIV.
- **Bird Flu Appears Increasingly Contagious**
USA Today, May 2006

International health officials are in Indonesia investigating what appears to be the first time a human infected with bird flu has passed it from one person to another, and then on to a third. Experts say the cluster of cases in a remote village is worrying, but genetic analysis of the virus taken from patients in the outbreak has found no evidence it has changed in ways that would allow it to spread easily among people, possibly sparking a flu pandemic.

- **Bird Flu May Have Leaped Between People**

The New York Times, May 24, 2006

Reacting to the death on Monday of an Indonesian man, the World Health Organization said Tuesday that the case appeared to be the first example of the avian flu jumping from human to human to human. But the health agency quickly cautioned that this did not necessarily mean that the virus had mutated into a strain that could start a pandemic by jumping rapidly between people as ordinary flu does.

- **Brain Delay: Air Pollutants Linked to Slow Childhood Mental Development**

HealthySchools.org, April 29, 2006

Pollutants spewing from vehicles and power plants may be harmful to fetal brains, new evidence suggests. The study is the first to directly link delayed cognitive development in children to their mothers' exposure during pregnancy to common air pollutants called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PHAs.

- **Cancer Breakthrough: Saving Girls' Lives**

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, May 30, 2006

There's never been anything quite like the new vaccine to prevent cervical cancer. Despite the embryonic state of cancer vaccines, people have enough experience with other kinds of immunization to know that the key is providing near-universal protection.

- **FDA Approves Merck's Shingles Vaccine**

Seattle Post Intelligencer, May 25, 2006

A new and more potent version of the chickenpox vaccine has won federal approval to prevent shingles, the often excruciatingly painful disease that can strike the elderly when the chickenpox virus emerges after lying dormant for decades. The Food and Drug Administration announced Friday that it had licensed the vaccine, Zostavax, to reduce the risk of shingles in adults 60 and older. The Merck & Co. Inc. vaccine is only for adults who previously have had chickenpox.

- **First-ever Cancer Vaccine Approved**

USA Today, June 9, 2006

The Food and Drug Administration announced Thursday that it has approved the first vaccine designed to prevent cancer. The vaccine, Gardasil, blocks infection by two types of the human papillomavirus (HPV), which account for about 70% of cervical cancer cases. Gardasil also blocks infection by two other HPV types that cause about 90% of genital warts cases. Spread by skin-to-skin contact, HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the USA. More than 90% of cases clear up on their own, but persistent infection with certain HPV types causes virtually all cervical cancers.

- **Governor Backs Separate Public Health Department**

The Mercury News, April 18, 2006

With the threat of bird flu looming, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will announce today that he supports creation of a Department of Public Health, a step he believes would better prepare the

state to confront a major epidemic or bioterror attack. The governor will back legislation splitting the new agency off from the Department of Health Services. He also would name the state public health officer -- currently Dr. Mark Horton -- to head the agency, should the legislation pass, aides said.

- **Health Care Crisis: County's Solution**

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, May 24, 2006

King County Executive Ron Sims has proposed that the county ensure that "every low-income child, every child of the working poor, will have health insurance coverage." Sims' approach is particularly commendable because it is so doable.

Expanding health care coverage for children was one of two primary goals in Sims' state-of-the-county speech to the County Council on Monday.

- **Health Insurance for Every Washingtonian Isn't a Fantasy**

The News Tribune, May 21, 2006

In March, the governor of Massachusetts signed into law a health care bill that made headlines around the country.

Before the governor's ink had dried, some heralded the legislation as groundbreaking reform that could be a national model. Others have dissected the bill's varied compromise provisions, arguing that attempts to repeat the "Massachusetts Miracle" would be foolhardy.

- **Health Program 'a bright light'**

The Olympian, May 11, 2006

Waylon Teeter's back pain became so severe that it disrupted his life. He could not take jobs as a tour manager. He gave up fishing and golfing. With no health insurance, Teeter reached out to the state Department of Social and Health Services for help, but was told he did not qualify. He turned next to the CHOICE Regional Health Network, which connected him to a coalition of doctors, hospitals and pharmacists providing free care to the poor.

- **In Pandemic, Should Shots go to the Old or the Young?***The Seattle Times, May 12, 2006*

On the Titanic, it was women and children first. During a syphilis outbreak in World War II, soldiers with the best chance of recovery were the ones to get precious doses of penicillin. In the event of a global flu pandemic, federal officials have said, they intend to give vaccine first to health-care workers, followed by the oldest, sickest patients, a policy aimed at saving the most lives.

- **Local Health Officials Seek Bird Flu Aid**

The Seattle Times, May 23, 2006

Local health officials presented a bird flu shopping list to the federal government Monday that included face masks, oxygen equipment, IVs and other supplies. The federal bird flu plan emphasizes the development of a vaccine and international surveillance, but it places too little emphasis on providing them with the equipment and supplies they would need to treat masses of sick people, the officials told congressional staff members.

- **One Family's Struggle with Mental Illness**

The Seattle Times, May 30, 2006

About two years ago, a stranger took control of Cathy von Haartman's house. He made a racket all night, blaring music and laughing uncontrollably. He provoked arguments and drank and told

Cathy, in confidence, that he was in the CIA. And that her food might be poisoned. Often, Cathy has lain awake in fear, yet she can't bring herself to kick him out. The stranger is her son.

- **Panel Urges Guaranteed Health Care by 2012**

The Seattle Times, June 9, 2006

The government should guarantee a core set of health benefits for all Americans by 2012 even if it means raising taxes, a nonpartisan advisory panel created by Congress has recommended. Normally, such a recommendation might not get even a polite acknowledgment in an election-year political climate in which tax increases are taboo. But the legislation that created the 15-member Citizens' Health Care Working Group requires the president to comment and five congressional committees to hold hearings.

- **Regence Tells 8,000 People They Must Find New Doctor**

The Seattle Times, May 21, 2006

Nearly 500 doctors have been dropped from a health plan run by Regence BlueShield, one of the state's largest health insurers, which has sent letters to some 8,000 patients contending that the doctors' "quality and efficiency" didn't measure up. Now the Washington State Medical Association is demanding an apology, saying the decision to drop the doctors had nothing to do with quality of care but was a cost-cutting measure based on a controversial ratings system.

- **Sims Sets New Goals for Children's Health**

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, May 23, 2006

King County is in great shape -- so great that county government can extend health insurance coverage to thousands of uninsured children without raising taxes, County Executive Ron Sims said Monday. "Simply put, every low-income child, every child of the working poor, will have health insurance coverage," Sims said in his annual state of the county speech. "That so many children in this, one of the wealthiest regions in the country, go without coverage is a blot on our record as a community."

- **State May Drop HIV Encoding**

The Seattle Times, May 24, 2006

Next month, state health officials likely will finalize a temporary rule that will no longer allow the names of some HIV patients to be encoded for extra security. Though the change has been protested by advocacy groups, if the state Board of Health does not pass it by June 14, the state will lose as much as \$5 million in federal money for a range of services for about 2,000 low-income AIDS patients, including drugs, food, housing and transportation.

- **U.S. Newborn Survival Rate Ranks Low**

The Washington Post, May 9, 2006

America may be the world's superpower, but its survival rate for newborn babies ranks near the bottom among modern nations, better only than Latvia. Among 33 industrialized nations, the United States is tied with Hungary, Malta, Poland and Slovakia with a death rate of nearly 5 per 1,000 babies, according to a new report. Latvia's rate is 6 per 1,000.

- **We're Walking, Talking Toxic Waste Dumps**

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, May 24, 2006

Eight months ago, 10 Washingtonians volunteered blood, urine and hair samples to the Washington Toxics Coalition to be tested for eight classes of chemicals. The results are in, and they are not pretty. It wouldn't be kind to say that these 10 are walking toxic waste dumps, but

their levels of phthalates (found in such diverse products as shower curtains and fragrances), PBDEs (found in flame retardants, mattresses and furniture), mercury, pesticides, lead and other chemicals were high enough to make both scientists and subjects sit up and take notice.

Newsletters

- **Alliance: Improving Access to Health Care - Developing Health Communities**
Source: Western Washington Area Health Education Center, Winter 2006
www.wwahec.org
- **CTeL Inside Washington & Beyond**
Source: Center for Telehealth & E-Health Law, May 15, 2006
 - USDA Announces Telehealth Grants
 - Wall Street Journal Reports on Increase in Remote Monitor
 - Massachusetts VNA Expands Telemonitoring
 - New Telehealth Center Opened in California
 - Health IT Czar David Brailer Resigns
 - House Looking to Pass HIT Bill This Year
 - AHRQ Looks to HIT in the Future
 - More Doctors' Offices are Using Open Access Scheduling
 - San Diego County's Nursing Paperless Pilot a Success
 - AHRQ Announces \$2.4 Million in Medical Simulation Grants
 - 133 Members of Congress Serve as Co-Hosts for Simulation Meeting
<http://www.ctel.org/>
- **Elaborations**
Source: Washington State Department of Health, April 2006
 - MTS License Renewal Change
 - Arbovirus (West Nile & St Louis Encephalitis)
http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/lqa_newsletters.htm
- **Elaborations**
Source: Washington State Department of Health, May 2006, Vol. XI, Issue 5
 - Laboratory Safety--It's Everyone's Responsibility
 - Regional Meeting Schedule & Agenda
 - Norovirus: State Public Health Lab Perspective
http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/fsl/lqa_newsletters.htm
- **Environmental Health News**
Source: Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Winter 2006
 - Agricultural Injuries and Illnesses
 - Pnash's Role in Farm Safety
 - Orchard Injuries
 - Home Pesticide Exposures
 - Heat Stress
 - The Next Five Years
 - For Further Reading
 - Serving AG Community Needs: Health Care Providers; Farmworkers
 - Nora Town Hall

-Engaging Middle School Students Through Environmental Health
-Continuing Education and Events
-Career Day
-People and Places
<http://depts.washington.edu/envhlth/info/publications.html>

- **Epi-log**

Source: Public Health Seattle & King County, April 2006, Vol. 46, No. 4

-Update: Multi-State Mumps Outbreak: United States
-Seattle TB Intensive in June 2006
<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/epilog/Index.htm>

- **Epi-log**

Source: Public Health Seattle & King County, May 2006, Vol. 46, No. 5

-West Nile Virus: Will 2006 be Our Year?
-New Interim Mumps Vaccination Recommendations
-Avian Influenza Update
<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/epilog/Index.htm>

- **Foundation News**

Source: Delta Dental-Washington Dental Service Foundation, Winter 2006

-WDS Foundation Receives Prestigious Award
-Scholarships Awarded: Two area students honored
-Foundation grant launches dental hygiene program
-Extending our reach
-ABCD Starts up in Pierce County

- **HSC Alert**

Source: Health System Change, May 10, 2006

-Better Health Care Cost and Quality Information Could Aid Consumers, But Not a Silver-Bullet Solution
-Five HSC Studies Appear in May/June Health Affairs
-Save the Date! HSC's Wall Street Comes to Washington Conference to be Held on June 21
-Career Opportunities at HSC
<http://www.hschange.com/>

- **HSC Change: A Growing Hole in the Safety Net: Physician Charity Care Declines**

Source: Health System Change, Tracking Report No. 13, March 2006

-Physician Charity Care Continues to Decline
-Physician Specialty
-Physician Practice Characteristics
-Physician Income
-Location of Charity Care
-Declines in Access to Medical Care
-Implications
-Notes
-Data Source
<http://www.hschange.com/CONTENT/826/826.pdf>

- **HSC Change: No Exodus: Physicians and Managed Care Networks**
Source: Health System Change, Tracking Report No. 14, May 2006
 -Despite Physician Complaints, Most Still Contract with Managed Care Plans
 -Many Factors Influence Decisions
 -Who Doesn't Contract
 -Market Variation
 -Implications
 -Notes
 -Data Source
<http://www.hschange.com/CONTENT/838/838.pdf>

- **Outlook**
Source: Center on Human Development and Disability at the University of Washington Health Sciences Center, Spring 2006, Vol. 17, #1
 -Preventing Infections, Protecting the Developing Brain
 -Expanding Medical Care for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
 -Pediatric Neurogenetics Team: Diagnosing Rare Disorders
 -Thousands of Genes at a Time: Microarray Core Components Helps Design Microarray Experiments
 -Faculty Members Appointed as New CHDD Research Affiliates
<http://depts.washington.edu/chdd/gist/outlook.html>

- **NewBrief**
Source: National Association of Local Boards of Health, First Quarter, 2006
 -Education & Training Concept Paper
 -Board of Directors & Staff
 -Report from Washington
 -SALBOH News: Georgia Public Health Association Holds 76th Annual Meeting and Honors J. Fred Agel
 -NALBOH News: Burger Day: It Doesn't Come with Fries; FDA Food Safety and Defense Council; North Carolina Local Public Health Accreditation System; Duncan Honored by Barberton Community Foundation
 -2005 NALBOH Official Election Results
 -Tobacco-Free USA: NALBOH Welcomes Lauren Dimitrov, Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Project Director; Annual Report on State Tobacco Control Spending in 2005; State Specific Prevalence of Cigarette Smoking and Quitting Among Adults in the United States, 2004; Landmark California EPA Report Confirms Dangers of Secondhand Smoke; R.J. Reynolds Stoops to New Low with Camel Ad Campaign; Kick Butts Day; What's Happening in Your Area?
 -Environmental Health & Emergency Preparedness: Mold-What is the Public Health Problem?; Changes in Quarantine Rules Proposed; Public Health Preparedness Online Training Courses Available; Land Use Planning for Public Health
 -Nomination Form for 2006 NALBOH Board of Directors (Submission Deadline: Monday, May 15, 2006)
<http://www.nalboh.org/publications/newsbrief/newsbrief.htm>

- **WSMA Reports**
Source: Washington State Medical Association, February 2006
 -Physicians Have the Power to Touch Every Health Care Issue in the Lives of Every Citizen

- "Yes, we respect physicians, but where are they?"
- Newsclips
- Getting to know you, getting to like you
- Physician's Insurance: Buy-Sell Agreements: How are they funded?
- Insurance Q & A: What's Up With Medicare Part B in 2006; Student loan consolidation, debt collection agency; AMA CPT CodeManger 2006 Software--Available at Significantly Reduced Price
- Risk Management: Lumbar Puncture Pain, Emergency Amputation, Missed Follow-up Visit, ADHD and Hypoglycemia
- Goodbooks List
- Ed Gray, MD to Receive AMA's Dr. Nathan Davis Award
- Qualis Health Seeks Nominees for Annual Awards of Excellence in Health Care Quality
- Classifieds
- Newsmakers

www.wsma.org

- **WSMA Reports**

Source: Washington State Medical Association, March 2006

- Physicians and Hospitals Push to Decrease Complications
- Newsclips: Leadership Development Conference in Chelan, May 19-20; Help for Low-Income Patients with Drug Dependency; Washington Poison Center Available 24/7; A Must-Attend Conference for Practice Managers, May 7-10
- As I See It: Saying: Saying I'm Sorry Just Got a Little Bit Easier
- Update from Physicians Insurance: Communication Challenges for Multiple Providers
- Risk Management: Managing Blood Glucose Level, Syncopal Event, Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis and Popliteal Artery Nick Problems
- Insurance Q & A: Consultants, Seminars: Practical Support for Physicians' Practices
- CME Calendar
- Classifieds
- Newsmakers

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Publications - Highlighted Journal Articles

- **Brief Report: Investigation into Recalled Human Tissue for Transplantation -- United States, 2005-2006**

May 26, 2006, MMWR, Vol. 55, No. 20

On September 29, 2005, a human tissue-processing company discovered inaccuracies in donor records forwarded from a tissue-recovery firm and notified the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). An FDA investigation determined that the recovery firm, Biomedical Tissue Services, Ltd. (BTS) (Fort Lee, New Jersey), recovered tissues from human donors who might not have met donor eligibility requirements and who were not screened properly for certain infectious diseases.

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- **Northwest Public Health: Special Populations and Public Health**

University of Washington, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Spring/Summer 2006

The population-based approach to health that distinguishes public health from medicine generally refers to large-scale efforts such as ensuring safe drinking water, preventing pollution, and eradicating or controlling infectious diseases. But public health's mission to promote the conditions in which people can be healthy also refers to smaller groups--the disabled, the homeless, farm workers, children, the elderly, gays and lesbians--which often pose unique public health challenges. This issue of Northwest Public Health provides an excellent look at some of these groups in our region and how we in public health are working to identify and solve their problems.

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