



For Your Information – March 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

March 2007

Date	Name and Location
Mar. 13	Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Disease Workshop Mount Vernon, Washington For information: http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm
Mar. 15	Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Disease Workshop Lacey, Washington For information: http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm
Mar. 15-16	2007 Employee Health Care Conference: Building a Culture of Health -- Making Change Work Hotel del Coronado San Diego, California For information: www.conference-board.org/healthcare.htm
Mar. 20	Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Disease Workshop Spokane, Washington

For information: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm>

- Mar. 21 **Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Biofuels**
Town Hall Seattle
Seattle, Washington
For information: <http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html>
- Mar. 22 **A Northwest Conference on Patient Safety**
Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport
Seattle, Washington
For information: <https://www.regonline.com/eventinfo.asp?eventid=116556>
- Mar. 22 **Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Disease Workshop**
Richland, Washington
For information: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm>
- Mar. 22-23 **20th Annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference: Balancing the Tensions
- Do No Harm**
Red Lion Hotel at the Park
Spokane, Washington
For information: Kaarin Appel, 509-358-7509, kappel@wsu.edu
- Mar. 29 **Epi Road Show**
Big Bend Community College
Moses Lake, Washington
For information: <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/waphtn/classlist.asp?id=1085>

April 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
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| Apr. 5 | Epi Road Show
Bastyr University
Kenmore, Washington
For information: http://www3.doh.wa.gov/waphtn/classlist.asp?id=1086 |
| Apr. 12 | Indigenous Wellness Research Institute Kick-off Event
Kane Hall ~ University of Washington
Seattle, Washington
For information: http://www.iwri.org/events.php |
| Apr. 17 | Working with the Media in High Stress and High Concern Situations Workshop: A
Journalist and Risk Communicator's Perspective
Sheraton National
Arlington, Virginia
For information: http://governmenthorizons.org/media-high-stress-concern.htm |

Apr. 18 **Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Sustainable Systems**
Town Hall Seattle
Seattle, Washington
For information: <http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html>

Apr. 18-19 **Medical Aspects of Disaster Management Conference**
Sheraton National
Arlington, Virginia
For information: <http://governmenthorizons.org/Medical-Aspects-Disaster-Management.htm>

May 2007

Date	Name and Location
May 15-16	2007 Northwest Immunization Conference Portland, Oregon For information: http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=105809

July 2007

Date	Name and Location
July 26-27	Emergency Preparedness Conference Portland, Oregon For information: Contact Ticey Casey, 503-416-3267

September 2007

Date	Name and Location
Sept. 18-21	National Association of Local Boards of Health The Hotel Captain Cook Anchorage, Alaska For information: www.nalboh.org

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General Interest

Washington Kids Count at the Human Services Policy Center, a policy research center at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs announced the release of the 2006-2007 State of Washington's Children: Weighing in on Health and Fitness in Washington, produced by In addition to updating key indicators of economic well-being, education, health, family & community, and safety & security, the report offers an in-depth look at the health and physical activity of children and families in

Washington. For a copy of the report and a list of web resources, please visit the HSPC website at <http://www.hspc.org/>. If you would like a hard copy of the report, please leave your name and address at 206 685-3135.

Obesity and lack of fitness pose an increasing threat to the health and economic security of Washington families. Almost one in four Washington 8th, 10th, and 12th graders is overweight or obese. Of children who are obese, about eight in 10 can expect to become obese adults. Although obesity is on the rise across all social and economic groups, low-income populations and certain racial/ethnic groups are disproportionately affected. Obesity greatly increases the risk for chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and heart disease and is linked to negative social and educational outcomes in children. The medical costs attributable to obesity account for approximately \$1.3 billion of medical expenditures annually in Washington and this trend is unlikely to reverse anytime soon.

The good news is that Washington already has a number of programs and policies in place to address the obesity epidemic. The State of Washington's Children outlines ways of building on what we have to "make the healthy choice the easy choice" for Washington's children and families. If you have specific questions about the 2006-2007 State of Washington's Children, please call Lori Pfingst at (206) 616-1506 or Louise Carter at (206) 685-2780.

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Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health Agenda

February 26, 2007

General Business ~ Call meeting to order

Consent agenda

- a. approval of January 22, 2007 minutes
- b. approval of January payroll and benefits
- c. approval of vouchers 20061048 to 20061074 and 20070002 to 20070064.

Program update ~ computer network upgrade

Board discussion

Public comment

New business ~ fee increase proposal

Unfinished business

Reports

- a. administrator
- b. support services
- c. personal health services
- d. environmental health services

Executive session ~ personnel issue

Adjournment

Chelan-Douglas County Board of Health Minutes

January 22, 2007

General business

- a. call meeting to order
- b. election of officers

Consent agenda ~ chair, Mayor Jay Witherbee; Vice-chair, Ken Stanton

- a. approval of the December 18, 2006 minutes
- b. approval of December payroll and benefits
- c. approval of payment vouchers no. 20060986 to 20061047 and 20070001 to 20070001

Program update ~ human papillomavirus (HPV)

Board discussion ~ error in meeting schedule

Public comment

New business ~ none

Unfinished business ~ none

Reports

- a. administrator ~ budget reports
- b. support services ~ E. Coli outbreak in the Manson area
- c. personal health services ~ program update

Executive session ~ personnel issues

Adjournments

King County Board of Health Agenda

March 15, 2007

Call to order

Roll call

Announcement of any alternates serving in place of regular members

Approval of February 15, 2007 minutes

Public comments

Chair's report

Board member updates

Director's report

Administrator's report

Discussion and possible action

- a. resolution no. 07-03
- b. BOH briefing no. 07-B07: State public health financing update
- c. BOH briefing no. 07-B09: Public health operational master plan update
- d. BOH briefing no. 07-B10: Stakeholder and community partner actions to reduce trans fats in King County

Other business

Adjournment

Spokane Regional Health District Agenda

February 22, 2007

Call to order

Roll call

Citizen input

Chair report

Health officer/administrator report

Approval of January 22, 2007 and February 1, 2007 minutes

Approval of December 2006 and January 2007 vouchers

Action items

- a. school advisory committee appointments
- b. food advisory committee appointments
- c. budget and finance committee

d. Melter appeal findings of fact and conclusions of law
Reports
a. DPR (disease prevention & response) division report
b. Ad hoc committee on agency structure and report on staff forum
Board member concerns
Next BOH meeting March 22, 2007
Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Agenda

March 7, 2007

Election of Board of Health officer
Election of Board of Health member at large
Comments by the public
Consent agenda
a. approval of February 7, 2007 and February 21, 2007 minutes
b. resolution nos. 2007-3965 and 2007-3966
Regular agenda
a. resolution no. 2007-3967
Director of health comments
a. Whitman area neighbors: Alcohol impact area
b. legislative update
c. New approaches to Environmental Health: 'EnviroStars' and Brownfields
Comments by Board of Health Members
Executive session (pending legal and personnel issues)
Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Agenda

February 21, 2007

Health department finance/budget process
BOH survey
Adjournment

Thurston County Board of Health Agenda

March 5, 2007

Call meeting to order
Approval of agenda
Approval of January 30, 2007 and February 5, 2007 minutes
Update on citizen issues
Opportunity for the public to address the board
Consent items
a. Room Rate Extension – Move to approve a room rate extension for Laura Pennington's travel to the 2007 Medical Reserve Corps National Training & Leadership Conference from April 16 through April 20, 2007 in Providence, Rhode Island at a hotel rate of \$139.00 per night for 4 nights totaling \$628.28 including tax.
Call a special board of health meeting for March 21, 2007 ~ Move to set a special Board of Health meeting on March 21, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at the Thurston County Courthouse, Building One, Room 280 to continue the Walt Cox Appeal of an Administrative Hearing Officer's Decision.
WIC program update and 2006 annual WIC report ~ No Motion – information only
Emergency preparedness program update ~ No Motion – information only

Ordinance to amend sanitary code article iv, sections 3, 10.3 and 12.2.3.1 ~ Move to adopt the ordinance to amend Article IV Sections 3, 10.3, and 12.2.3.1 of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County.
Director's report
Health officer's report
Adjournment

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Public Health Leadership Positions Available

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

1 in 4 women have virus linked to cancer: Controversial vaccine targets some forms of human papillomavirus

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, February 28, 2007

CHICAGO -- One in four U.S. women ages 14 to 59 is infected with the sexually transmitted virus that in some forms can cause cervical cancer, according to the first broad national estimate. The figure is mostly in line with previous assessments. The highest prevalence -- nearly 45 percent -- was found in young women within the age range recommended for a new virus-fighting vaccine, according to a report from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Researchers have estimated that 20 million Americans have some form of human papillomavirus.

Doggy diner bill moves forward

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, February 28, 2007

Animal lovers in the state are one step closer to being able to dine out with their dogs. A bill that would allow people to bring their dogs to restaurants passed out of committee Tuesday, but health officials still have some concerns. The bill would allow leashed dogs to sit with their owners in outdoor seating areas of restaurants, bars and cafes for a three-year trial period. For businesses to participate, cities would first have to pass an ordinance approving the practice.

Eat less, move more

Seattle Times, February 26, 2007

Our children are overweight, but expunging vending machines from schools and banning snack commercials from television won't reverse the trend. Only one change has ever proven to reduce calories

and promote health: eating less, moving more. Such simple, good, old-fashioned advice is perhaps the best way to greet staggering research showing nearly one out of every four Washington eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders is overweight or obese.

Flu shots may be urged for all children next year

Seattle Times, February 23, 2007

National health officials are moving toward recommending flu shots for all children older than 6 months as the disease's impact on kids has become more apparent in recent years — including the deaths this month of two Seattle-area girls.

For want of a dentist: Maryland boy, 12, dies after bacteria from tooth spread to his brain

The Washington Post, February 28, 2007

Twelve-year-old Deamonte Driver died of a toothache Sunday. A routine, \$80 tooth extraction might have saved him. If his mother had been insured. If his family had not lost its Medicaid. If Medicaid dentists weren't so hard to find. If his mother hadn't been focused on getting a dentist for his brother, who had six rotted teeth.

Health care, dogs in bars still alive in Olympia: Deadline passes for bills to move out of committee

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, March 1, 2007

OLYMPIA -- The time for legislators to stop peddling ideas and start making them happen has arrived, with Wednesday marking the cutoff point for bills to pass out of committee. The bills that didn't get voted out of committee before Wednesday at 5 p.m. won't move forward, unless legislators resort to rarely used parliamentary gymnastics.

HPV vaccine for men?

Spokesman Review, February 27, 2007

While politicians argue over whether to make preteen girls get vaccinated against HPV, medical experts already have moved on to the next topic: giving the vaccine to boys as well. HPV, or human papillomavirus, causes virtually all cases of cervical cancer. So a new vaccine that prevents infection with four common strains of the virus has been hailed as a big step toward eliminating a potentially lethal cancer that affects nearly 10,000 Americans a year. Of course, men can't get cervical cancer, but millions of them get HPV, which they can pass to their partners.

HPV vaccine decision best made at home

Tri-City Herald, February 27, 2007

FACT: Giving the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to your preteen daughter does not ensure she will lose her virginity by the time she graduates from high school.

FACT: Withholding the vaccine from her doesn't guard her virtue.

FACT: Giving the vaccine does not prevent all cases of cervical cancer.

Here's what the facts don't add up to -- making this vaccination mandatory.

More fruit growers ready to use guest-worker program

Yakima Herald, February 26, 2007

Anticipating another tight labor market and fearful of immigration enforcement that could lead to heavy fines, local growers are expected to expand their use of a federal guest-worker program in the upcoming season.

Public health needs a shot in the arm

The Everett Herald, March 4, 2007

Here I am, your new health officer, delivering my debut editorial as if I were holding a cardboard flap at your freeway exit. My sign reads, "Public health needs your help!" Although I am new to the Snohomish Health District, I am very familiar with the struggle to adequately fund local public health programs and services. You can help secure funding by asking your elected state officials to support two bills before the Legislature.

State teenagers part of obesity epidemic

Seattle Times, February 23, 2007

Nearly one out of every four Washington eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders is overweight or obese, according to a new University of Washington report. The report, released Thursday, shows that the state continues to reflect the alarming national trend of American kids getting fatter younger. It describes a perilous journey that today's kids face in staying fit, starting from the wombs of overweight mothers through homes and schools where junk food is far more common than vigorous exercise.

State's youths getting fatter: Obesity rates mimic national trends

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, February 23, 2007

Almost 25 percent of the state's eighth-, 10th- and 12th-graders are obese or overweight, according to a new report from the University of Washington's Human Services Policy Center. The state data parallel national trends, according to the report: National obesity rates have nearly quintupled among 6- to 11-year-olds and tripled among teens and children 2 to 5 since the 1970s.

Thurston County's Yu joins health board

The Olympian, March 4, 2007

Diana Yu of Olympia, Thurston County's health officer, has been appointed to the state Board of Health. She is the President of the Thurston Mason County Medical Society and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Washington Association of Local Public Health Officials. Her term ends in 2008. The board is the primary entity for health policy development and is required to produce a biennial report delineating state health priorities.

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Publications - Inside This Issue

Advances

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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

Alliance

Area Health Education Center

www.wwahec.org

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

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

Environmental Health News

Association of State and Territory Health Officials, February 2007

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

- ASTHO news ~ Current employment opportunities at ASTHO, and links to publications and newsletters.
- State funding opportunities ~ Funding opportunities available for state health agencies.
- State news ~ Environmental health news from California, Minnesota, Virginia and Washington.
- Federal news ~ Environmental health news from EPA.
New resources ~ New resources for states.
- Upcoming events ~ Conferences, workshops and webcasts for environmental health professionals.

Environmental Health News

Association of State and Territory Health Officials, January 2007

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

- ASTHO news ~ Upcoming HEES, current employment opportunities at ASTHO, and links to publications and newsletters.
- State funding opportunities ~ Funding opportunities available for state health agencies.
- State news ~ Environmental health news from Utah, Kansas and California.
- Federal news ~ Environmental health news from EPA and other agencies.
- Request for comments ~ EPA seeks comments on draft staff paper on lead air quality standards.
- New resources ~ New OSHA Hurricane eMatrix, EESI Congressional briefings, DEA Clandestine lab registry, TFAH annual preparedness report, and EPA fact sheets for older adults and information on snow and ice.
- Upcoming events ~ Conferences, workshops and webcasts for environmental health professionals.

Environmental Health Perspectives

Journal of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Vol. 115, No. 3, March 2007

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

- Focus ~ Secondhand Suspicions: Breast Cancer and Passive Smoking
- Spheres of influence ~ Environment: California Out in Front
- Nanotechnology ~ Single-Wall Carbon Nanotubes and Cardiovascular Effects
- Endocrine system ~ In Vitro and in Vivo Effects of DBP/MBP
- Respiratory disease ~ Particle and Metal Effects on Lungs
- Neurodevelopment ~ Psychomotor Effects of Prenatal p,p'-DDE Exposure
- Mini-monograph ~ Adult Lead Exposure
- Book review ~ How Everyday Products Make People Sick

EpiLog

Public Health Seattle & King County

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

Foundation News

Delta Dental, Washington Dental Service Foundation

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

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Issue Brief: Benefit Design Innovations: Implications for Consumer-Directed Health Care

Center for Studying Health System Change, No. 109, February 2007

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

- Increasing the Potential of Cost Sharing to Control Spending
- Encouraging Healthy Behaviors and Self-Management
- Varying Incentives by Service or Patient Condition
- Encouraging Use of Efficient Physicians and Hospitals
- Varying Benefits by Income
- Innovations and HSA Regulations
- Policy Implications
- Notes
- Data Source

Issue Brief: Physician Financial Incentives: Use of Quality Incentives Inches Up, but Productivity Still Dominates

Center for Studying Health System Change, No. 108, January 2007

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

- Productivity-based Compensation Dominates Practice-Level Financial Incentives
- Quality Incentives More Common in Some Practices
- Rise in Quality-based Incentives
- Policy Implications
- Notes
- Data Source

NewsBrief

National Association of Local Boards of Health

www.nalboh.org

Preventing Chronic Disease

CDC

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

Public Health Preparedness

Association of State and Territory Health Officials

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

State Health Notes

Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Vol. 28, Issue 486, March 5, 2007

- Georgia considers how to adapt to SCHIP funding shortfall ~ The potential shortfall in federal SCHIP funding is causing Georgia (and other states) to consider difficult measures, such as freezing enrollment in SCHIP, moving children from SCHIP to Medicaid and instituting co-pays.
- Cash & counseling programs given major boost ~ C&C is not easy to implement, but it's catching on, driven by good reviews, a provision in the 2005 Deficit Reduction Act and start-up grants given to states.

- States helping youth who “age out” of foster care ~ More states are acting to expand health coverage to a particularly vulnerable population: the approximately 20,000 young people who “age out” of foster care every year.
- Highlights ~ CO Helps Ill Kids...Rural Workforce Solutions...Organ Donor Tax Breaks...Coverage Subsidy in AZ
- Graphically speaking ~ Health care will consume one out of every five dollars by 2016, according to a new report from CMS.

State Health Notes

Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Vol. 28, Issue 485, February 19, 2007

- Badger state aims for universal coverage ~ Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle lays out plan to cover 98 percent of residents, including all children. Legislators respond with praise, questions about financing and their own proposals.
- States tackle teen pregnancies ~ Although the rate of teen pregnancy in the United States has declined by one-third since the early 1990s, teen childbearing still costs the public sector at least \$9.1 billion, a new report says.
- Compromise is key to expanding coverage ~ Achieving universal coverage is easier if advocates reach out to all interests, use mandates to level the playing field, and “compromise, compromise, compromise,” according to these experts.
- Highlights ~ Medicaid Administrative Costs...Youth Suicides...TN Prescription Drug Usage...Smoking Cessation in SD
- Graphically speaking ~ So far this year, 12 states have proposed increasing tobacco taxes; eight of those have earmarked the revenue for health programs.

Thrive!

Washington Health Foundation

www.whf.org

WSMA Reports

Washington State Medical Association

Zoonotic Disease Newsletter

Washington State Department of Health, Vol. 1, Issue 2, February 2007

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

- Wildlife, exotic pets, and emerging zoonoses
- Canine leptospirosis tracked in Washington State
- Viruses can jump between primates and humans
- Public Health Seattle-King County's new avian influenza Web site
- *Cryptococcus gattii* Q&A and journal articles
- New pesticide license system unveiled by WSDA
- Ecology sticks with aquatic pesticide permits