



For Your Information – May 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

April 2007

Date	Name and Location
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	Risk Communication for Technical Professionals Fisherman's Terminal Seattle, Washington For information: www.culturaleffect.com
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>

Apr. 27-29 **Celebrating Educational Opportunities for Diverse Students**
SeaTac Marriott Hotel
Seattle, Washington
For information: <http://wssda.org/wssda/WebForms/En-Us/Events/Opportunities/info.asp>

May 2007

Date Name and Location

May 2 **3rd Annual Active Living Leadership Forum**
The Centre at Norpoint
Tacoma, Washington
For information: Jane_WCPPA@comcast.net

May 4-5 **Primary Care Update Conference**
Red Lion Hotel at the Park
Spokane, Washington
For information: <http://www.ahec.spokane.wsu.edu/>

May 10 **Hidden Health Hazards: Everyday Exposures to Toxic Chemicals ~ The Oceans to Star Lecture Series: Staying Healthy in a Chemical World**
Kane 120, UW Seattle campus
For information:
https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/2007earthinit_otos/details.tcl

May 15-16 **2007 Northwest Immunization Conference**
Portland, Oregon
For information: <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=105809>

May 17 **Secondhand Smoke: Low Exposures and High Stakes ~ The Oceans to Star Lecture Series: Staying Healthy in a Chemical World**
Kane 120, UW Seattle campus
For information:

https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/2007earthinit_otos/details.tcl

- May 18 **Each Student Successful**
Cedarbrook
SeaTac, Washington
For information: <http://www.centerforhealthtraining.org/>
- May 24 **Exxon Valdez: Lingering Effects of Oil on Health ~ ~ The Oceans to Star Lecture Series: Staying Healthy in a Chemical World**
Kane 120, UW Seattle campus
For information:
https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/2007earthinit_otos/details.tcl
- May 31 **5th Annual Health Aging Summit ~ Creating Health Aging for All: Strategies to Reduce Health Disparities**
Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center
For information: Karen Lewis, CHEF, karenl@chef.org or 206-824-2907 x 1905
- May 31 **A Precautionary Approach to Protect Health ~ ~ The Oceans to Star Lecture Series: Staying Healthy in a Chemical World**
Kane 120, UW Seattle campus
For information:
https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/2007earthinit_otos/details.tcl

June 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
|-------------|---|
| Jun. 7-9 | National Conference on Health Promotion & Education ~ Changing the Face of Health Education and Health Promotion
Renaissance Hotel
Seattle, Washington
For information: http://www.team-psa.com/hehpconference/home.asp |
| Jun. 12 | Reclaimed Water: Tapping the New Resource
Hilton Seattle Airport
For information: http://www.pncwa.org/Committees/WaterReuse/index.html |
| Jun. 12-15 | Association of Washington Cities 2007 Annual Conference
Tacoma, Washington |
| Jun. 11-15 | Rural Nurse Conference "Growing Quality"
Red Lion Inn
Richland, Washington
For information: http://nursing.wsu.edu/RNI/Conference.html |

- Jun. 13-15 **Montana Public Health Summer Institute**
Great Falls, Montana
For information: <http://www.nwcphp.org/montana-public-health-summer-institute>
- 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

July 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
|-------------|---|
| 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 16-18 | The Public Health Congress
Mandarin Oriental
Washington, D.C. |
| July 26-27 | Emergency Preparedness Conference
Portland, Oregon
For information: Contact Tacey Casey, 503-416-3267 |

August 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
|-------------|--|
| 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

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**

Sheraton Hotel

Tacoma, Washington

For information: <http://www.wsma.org/memresources/calendar.html>

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.nasph.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**
Nov. 3-7 **Politics Policy & Public Health: APHA 2007 Annual Meeting**
Washington D.C.
For information: <http://www.apha.org/meetings/>

April 2008

Date **Name and Location**
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>

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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Correspondence

To: The Honorable Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of Washington
From: Treuman Katz, Chair, Washington State Board of Health, April 12, 2007
Letter inviting Governor Gregoire to speak at the upcoming policy summit, Each Student Successful: Exploring Policies to Address Health Disparities and the Academic Achievement Gap.

To: The Honorable Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of Washington
From: Treuman Katz, Chair, Washington State Board of Health, April 12, 2007
Letter thanking Governor Gregoire for reappointment of Frankie Manning to the Washington State Board of Health.

To: Bill Osmunson, DDS, MPH

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, Washington State Board of Health, April 9, 2007

Response to Mr. Osmunson's request to meet with the Board and provide a presentation on the current science regarding fluoridation.

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General Interest

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's 2006 annual report is now available online, with easily accessible PDFs for individual sections of the report.

- "We will reverse the epidemic of childhood obesity." With these words, President and CEO Risa Lavizzo-Mourey begins to chart an ambitious course for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She outlines the Foundation's plan to invest \$500 million over the next five years to reverse the epidemic of childhood obesity.
- Year in Review provides updates on the Foundation's 11 active program areas in 2006.
- Grants list is a comprehensive look at the grants and contracts awarded in 2006.

RWJF Funding Alert: Advancing Public Health Practice and Policy Solutions Call for Proposals Released

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has just posted a call for proposals related to Public Health.

Advancing Public Health Practice and Policy Solutions

Application Deadline: Jun 6, 2007

This solicitation seeks proposals for projects that will discover, implement, evaluate or disseminate practical and replicable solutions related to the following topics:

1. public health laws, regulations or policies;
2. public health advocacy or communications; and
3. engaging hard-to-reach and/or high-risk populations.

Please note: This call for proposals will not consider projects related to reducing childhood obesity and/or tobacco use and exposure.

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Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

Benton-Franklin District Board of Health Agenda

April 26, 2007

Call to order

Roll call

Introduction of visitors

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes

Award presentation

Building updates
Franklin County lease agreement
Canal Street building
Public health funding update
Travel medicine presentation
Announcements
Approval of vouchers
Executive session - collective bargaining
Date of next meeting
Adjournment

Chelan-Douglas Board of Health Agenda

April 16, 2007

General business:

a. call to order

Consent agenda:

a. approval of March 19, 2007 minutes

b. approval of March payroll in the amount of \$220,007.26 and March benefits in the amount of \$60,506.87

c. approval of payment of vouchers no. 20070138 to 20070222 in the amount of \$59,581.44

Program update: EH highlights from annual report to Board 2006

Board discussion

Public comment

New business

Unfinished business:

a. deficit reduction/revised 2007 budget

Reports:

a. administrator

b. support services

c. personal health services

d. environmental health services

Adjournment

Chelan-Douglas Board of Health Minutes

March 19, 2007

Call to order

Consent agenda:

a. approve February payroll in the amount of \$216,711.25

b. approve February benefits in the amount of \$60,382.58

c. approve voucher nos. 20070065 through 20070137 in the amount of \$87,867.44

d. approval of January minutes

Program update

a. administrator

b. associate administrator ~ West Nile Virus

Board discussion ~ Bar Development Water System

Public Comment

New business

a. administrator ~ union contract

Unfinished business

a. increase environmental health fees for services and permits

b. proposed deficit reduction measures

Reports

a. food worker card testing

Adjournment

Columbia County Board of Health Minutes

April 2, 2007

Personal health update

Environmental health update

Fiscal update

Contract report

Incident command plan

Grays Harbor County Board of Health Minutes

January 18, 2007

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Health Officer Report

a. animal bite/bat exposure investigations and Notifiable Condition Investigations and Cases Reported in Grays Harbor County in 2006

Public Health and Social Services Director Report

a. staff retirements ~ Doug George and Martha Krug

b. planning and assessment to identify things that the Department could better work on as an improvement.

Working Age Adult Policy/Developmental Disabilities

Vital Records – Deferred

Mobile Home Park Sewage Problems

Assessment

Public Comment – Good meeting!

Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2007

Jefferson County Board of Health Agenda

April 19, 2007

Approval of agenda

Approval of February 15, 2007 minutes

Public comment/awards

Old business and information items

a. board correspondence

b. on-site sewage operation and maintenance update

c. region 2 public health newsletter

d. Jefferson County medical reserve corps

New business

a. public health heroes awards

b. Jefferson County septic code revision - pre-adoption briefing

c. 2006 performance measures

d. legislative update - public health funding

Activity update

a. Jefferson County pandemic influenza tabletop exercise

Agenda planning

Next scheduled meeting - May 17, 2007

King County Board of Health Agenda

May 10, 2007

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of April 19, 2007 minutes

Public Comments

Chair's Report

Board Member Updates

Director's Report

Administrator's Report

Briefings

a. BOH Briefing No. 07-B16 ~ Public Health Operational Master Plan Update

b. BOH Briefing No. 07-B17 ~ Washington State Legislative Wrap Up

c. BOH Briefing No. 07-B18 ~ Nutritional Options in Restaurants

Other Business

Adjournment

King County Board of Health Agenda

April 19, 2007

Call to Order

Roll Call

Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members

Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2007

Public Comments

Chair's Report

Board Member Updates

Director's Report

Administrator's Report

BOH Briefing No. 07-B14 ~ Public Health Operational Master Plan Update

BOH Briefing No. 07-B15 ~ Washington State Legislative Update

BOH Briefing No. 07-B13 ~ Nutritional Options in Restaurants

BOH Briefing No. 07-B12 ~ Board of Health HIV/AIDS Committee Preliminary Report

Other Business

Adjournment

Kitsap County Board of Health Minutes

February 6, 2007

Call to order

Director's Report

a. smoking in public places

b. public health funding proposal

Board of Health by-laws

Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation

Public comment – none

Adjournment

Kittitas County Board of Health Agenda

April 26, 2007

Approval of March 22, 2007 minutes

Introductions and Announcements: BOHAC representative(s)

Contracts and Amendments:

- a. Standard Agreement between KCPHD and Central Washington University (Contract #671) to provide quarterly food inspections
- b. DSHS Contract #0563-83289 Amendment #2 for Interpreter FFP Administrative Match
- c. Consolidated Contract #14952 Amendment #1 – additions and amendments to statements of work
- d. DSHS Contract #0563-75729 Amendment #4 for Medicaid Administrative Match
- e. Contract Amendment No. KCHD-4-07 with Yakima Health District for BCHP/ACS Relay for Life Materials

Department Updates/Issues:

- a. Staffing replacements progress report
- b. Environmental Health 2007 school inspections: Summary of findings
- c. Summary of April 14, 2007 Free Children's Immunization and Fluoride Varnish Clinic
- d. Update on the Joint Plan of Operation with Washington State Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water
- e. Public Health funding update
- f. Washington State Department of Health, Maternal Child Health, First Steps Site Visit: Summary of findings

Business: West Nile update and policies; West Nile Bird Collection Policy

Next regular Board of Health Meeting: May 17, 2007

Kittitas County Board of Health Minutes

March 22, 2007

Approval of February 15, 2007 minutes

Introductions

Contracts:

KCPHD – USArchive & Imaging Services Contract for Document Management Services

Department Updates:

- a. Staffing replacement progress report
- b. Funding updates

Business:

- a. Determination on scheduling of Board of Health meetings
- b. Adoption of Personnel Policies Manual
- c. Update on recruitment process for new BOH community member
- d. Appointment of Vice Chair
- e. Update on Public Health Funding Bill 1825
- f. Department of Health's (DOH) Joint Plan of Operation (JPO)

Adjournment

Next Meeting: The next Board of Health meeting will be held on April 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium.

Kittitas County Board of Health Minutes

February 15, 2007

Approve January 18, 2007 minutes

Introductions

Announcements ~ Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Recognition Evening on January 24, 2007 was a wonderful event

Contracts and amendments ~ DSHS Medicaid Administrative Match Contract #0563-75729 Amendment #3

Department Updates

- a. Staffing replacement progress report
- b. New office space configuration

Business

- a. Shape up presentation
 - b. Consideration of possible schedule change for Board of Health meetings
 - c. Recruitment of new Board of Health member as Carolyn Booth's replacement
- Other business ~ Public Health funding under consideration by the State's legislature

Adjournment

Next Meeting: The next Board of Health meeting will be held on March 22, 2007

Kittitas County Board of Health Minutes

January 18, 2007

Approve December 19, 2006 and December 21, 2006 minutes

Introductions

Contracts and amendments:

- a. DSHS Early Intervention Program Contract #0663-98561 Amendment #1
- b. Agreement with Kittitas County Sheriff's Department

Department updates: staffing replacement progress report

Business:

- a. antiviral purchase
- b. presentation of the Board of Health advisory health committee's annual report
- c. Washington State local public health standards
- d. quarterly report templates
- e. Washington State Department of Health joint plan of operation (JPO)
- f. Washington State Department of Health audit results

Other Business:

- a. Appointment of Vice Chair
- b. Possible schedule change for Board of Health meeting

Adjournment Next Meeting: The next Board of Health meeting will be held on February 15, 2007

Snohomish Health District Board of Health Minutes

March 22, 2007

Call to order

Chair's report - none

Health officer's report

- a. monthly report
- b. recognition of tobacco prevention and control team as the health district team of the quarter

Public comment

Committee reports

Consent agenda

Action agenda

- a. review and approval of resolution 07-06, recognizing service of Carol Strandley
- b. review and approval of resolution 07-07, recognizing service of Jack Middleton
- c. approval of resolution 07-07, declaring April 2-8, 2007 as Public Health Week

d. approval of contract with Gilmore Research

Discussion items

a. report on SHB 1825, providing dedicated funding for public health

Information items

a. scheduled meetings

Executive session - personnel matter

Other business - none

Adjournment

Spokane Board of Health Agenda

April 26, 2007

Call to order

Roll call

Citizen input

Chair report

Health officer/administrator report

Approval of March 22, 2007 minutes

Approval of March 1-31, 2007 vouchers

Reports

a. West Nile Virus

b. gonorrhea

c. ad hoc committee update on process

d. tobacco compliance

Board member concerns

Next regular meeting May 24, 2007

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Agenda

May 2, 2007

Comments by the public

Consent agenda:

a. approval of the April 4, 2007 and April 18, 2007 minutes

Regular agenda:

a. needle exchange program discussion

Director of Health comments

a. strengthening families program

b. commercial of the year

c. wound care clinic update

d. legislative update

Comments by Board of Health members

Executive session (pending legal and personnel issues)

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Agenda

April 18, 2007

On-site sewage operation and Maintenance (O & M) plan.

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes

March 21, 2007

Call to order

Infectious waste regulation revision

Nutrition labeling

Direction from the BOH members

Next meeting: April 18, 2007

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes

March 7, 2007

Call to order

Election of BOH Chair, Rick Talbert

Election of BOH Vice-Chair, Dick Muri

Election of BOH Member at large, Jim Wilson

Comments by the public - none

Consent agenda:

a. approval of February 7, 2007 and February 21, 2007 minutes

b. approval of resolutions nos. 2007-3964 and 2007-3966

Regular agenda:

a. approval of resolution no. 2007-3967

Director of health report

a. get fit dining out brochure

b. Medicaid match audit

c. new approaches to environmental health: EnviroStars and Brownfields

d. Whitman area neighbors: Alcohol impact area

e. legislative update

Comments by board of health members

Executive Session - none

Adjournment

Thurston County Board of Health Agenda

May 7, 2007

Call meeting to order

a. Approval of agenda

b. Approval of February 5, 2007 and April 2, 2007 minutes

c. Correspondence: Washington State Board of Health Letter; Thank you note to WIC staff

Update on citizen issues

Opportunity for the public to address the board

Consent items

a. Steps to a Healthier WA Thurston County Project, North Thurston Public Schools Subcontract

b. Steps to a Healthier WA Thurston County Project, Thurston Regional Planning Council Subcontract

c. Washington State Department of Health 2007–2011 Consolidated Contract #C14967 Amendment No.

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d. Room Rate Extension for Mary Ann O'Garro

e. Room Rate Extension for Linda Stewart

f. Room Rate Extension for Jennifer Fleisch

g. Room Rate Extension for Chris Hawkins

h. Room Rate Extension for Zena Edwards

- i. Room Rate Extension for Mark Freedman
 - j. Mental health access project update
 - k. Project access update
 - l. Walt Cox appeal - request for clarification
- Director's report
Health officer's report
Adjournment

Walla Walla County Commissioners Agenda (non health related/routine business items excluded from this posting)

April 30, 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 - approving minutes of County Commissioners' sessions of April 23-24, 2007, and special meeting of April 26, 2007

b. Resolution - bid awards for the County Public Health Center and annex (renovation) project

Public Hearing: To consider an ordinance providing for the adoption of the WA State Board of Health onsite sewage rules

Action Agenda Item: Adoption of Ordinance 341, an ordinance repealing ordinances 227 and 235 and amending Walla Walla County Code Chapter 8.16, and providing for the adoption of the WA State Board of Health onsite sewage rules contained in Chapter 246-272A of the WA Administrative Code, with certain additions, amendments and deletions, and providing for violations thereof

Consent Agenda Items:

a. Resolution - Contract between the WA State Department of Health and Walla Walla County

b. Department update and miscellaneous

Executive session ~ personnel (interview/evaluate qualifications for public employment, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g))

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Adjournment

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Public Health Leadership Positions Available

Community Health Nurse

Bilingual Vietnamese-Communicable Disease Program

Multnomah County Health Department

Closes: When Filled

For information: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/multnomah/default.cfm?>

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

20 health bills turn into laws

The Olympian, May 3, 2007

SEATTLE - Gov. Chris Gregoire signed an array of health care measures into law Wednesday, putting the final stamp on a major priority for the Democratic-controlled Legislature. Leading the slate of about 20 bills signed at the University of Washington medical center was a broad health care reform plan, which sprang from a blue-ribbon commission headed by Gregoire and retired state Sen. Pat Thibaudeau. The law makes a variety of changes meant to lower costs and improve access to health care, including a plan for boosting health insurance coverage for children and young adults.

\$500 Million Pledged to Fight Childhood Obesity

New York Times, April 4, 2007

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation plans to spend more than \$500 million over the next five years to reverse the increase in childhood obesity. It is one of the largest public health initiatives ever tried by a private philanthropy. "This is an epidemic that is going to cost the country in terms of morbidity and mortality and economically," said Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, the foundation's president and chief executive. "The younger generation is going to live sicker and die younger than their parents because of obesity."

Anti-Obesity Campaign Targeting African Americans to Kick Off in Washington, D.C.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, April 5, 2007

In Washington, D.C., this weekend the launch event for a six-month national campaign to curb obesity among African Americans will take place, the Washington Post reports. The 50 Million Pound Challenge is sponsored by State Farm Insurance and endorsed by the National Medical Association and other minority health groups. It will encourage African Americans to adopt healthier eating and physical activity habits through live events in more than a dozen U.S. cities including Baltimore, Memphis and Detroit.

Approved bill requires HPV information for girls

The Seattle Times, April 15, 2007

OLYMPIA — A measure requiring public schools to send schoolgirls home with information about a sexually transmitted virus that can cause cervical cancer is headed to Gov. Chris Gregoire.

The measure also will help pay for a three-dose vaccine for the human papilloma virus (HPV) for all girls between the ages of 9 and 16. The cost of the vaccine is about \$360. Gregoire is expected to sign the measure into law, spokeswoman Holly Armstrong said.

The House, on a 76-18 vote, agreed Saturday to changes to the legislation made by the Senate. The bill requires all public schools to give parents of girls entering 6th grade information about the virus and its symptoms. An earlier version of the bill would have extended the requirement to private schools. The Senate version requires private schools only to give parents the information.

As Health Plan Falters, Maine Explores Changes

The New York Times, April 30, 2007

PORTLAND, Me., April 23 — When Maine became the first state in years to enact a law intended to provide universal health care, one of its goals was to cover the estimated 130,000 residents who had no insurance by 2009, starting with 31,000 of them by the end of 2005, the program's first year. So far, it has not come close to that goal. Only 18,800 people have signed up for the state's coverage and many of them already had insurance. "I think when we first started, in terms of making estimates, we really were kind of groping in the dark," said Gov. John E. Baldacci, who this month proposed a host of adjustments.

The cancer question: Some are taking a wait-and-see approach, others are ready for new vaccine

The Everett Herald, May 1, 2007

When Diane McRae of Marysville first heard about the new vaccine to prevent HPV last year, she knew almost immediately she would want her daughters vaccinated. Though she was never diagnosed with the human papillomavirus, a common sexually transmitted virus that can lead to cervical cancer, she had dealt with troubling Pap smear results. In her late teens, doctors found abnormal cells on her cervix that had to be surgically removed.

Chemical ban puts industry on the defensive: Flame retardant not 'shown to be harmful'

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 17, 2007

Stung by the Legislature's groundbreaking ban of a controversial fire retardant, the chemical industry isn't giving up. Even with Gov. Chris Gregoire's approval all but assured -- she's scheduled to sign the legislation today -- it still didn't extinguish the chemical manufacturers' fight. They've run full-page ads in the state's largest newspapers. They wrote a letter to Gregoire urging a veto. Since 2005, they've spent more than \$220,000 here lobbying against a ban. Why the big spending? Because there is potentially more at stake than prohibitions on flame retardants called PBDEs in Washington furniture, televisions and computers.

Costs move Alaska to limit free vaccines

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - A new vaccine to prevent cervical cancer costs so much that Alaska will provide it free only to girls who qualify under a federal program called Vaccines for Children, the state Department of Health and Social Services announced Monday. The state has been offering all recommended vaccines to all children for free for more than 30 years.

Demand high for cancer vaccine in N.H.

The News Tribune, April 24, 2007

Demand for the vaccine against cervical cancer is outstripping supply as New Hampshire offers the shots for free, leading some providers to create waiting lists. However, the state has no plans to accelerate its distribution program, a public health official said Monday. "We expected all along there would be an initial demand, but there is a finite amount of resources," said Greg Moore, spokesman for

the state Department of Health and Human Services. "This program is going to take a significant part of our budget over the next four years."

Don't let septic system go bad

The Olympian, April 14, 2007

Clean drinking water is something many of us take for granted. In Thurston County, almost every household gets its drinking water from ground water. Ground water is fed by rain that seeps into the soil and is held underground in sand and gravel beds called aquifers. This underground drinking water supply means local drinking water is vulnerable to contamination from above-ground sources. Properly maintaining on-site septic systems is one way to protect our community's drinking water resources. What many people don't realize is that septic systems recharge ground water. For every gallon of water from the home flowing into the septic tank, a gallon of effluent is pushed out of the septic tank and into the drainfield.

Contaminants that remain are filtered out in the drainfield gravel and further treated by microorganisms in the soil underneath the drainfield.

Flushed drugs cause concern - Effects on marine life remain unknown

Spokesman Review, April 22, 2007

Antidepressants, painkillers, birth control hormones, antibiotics and caffeine might make life a bit easier for humans, but scientists doubt they're doing much good for fish, worms and other creatures that live in waters increasingly tainted by these substances. Little is known about the effects of drugs and household chemicals after they are flushed down the toilet – either in the form of unused pills or in traces of medicines and compounds that have been processed by the body. But growing concern by scientists prompted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and American Pharmacists Association to launch a campaign last month to help keep these chemicals out of waterways.

Health Care: Bill is too narrow

Seattle Post-Intelligencer Editorial Board, April 10, 2007

While trying with some success to respond to the governor's Healthy Washington Initiative, legislators quietly have moved forward a bill that undercuts their own efforts. Gov. Chris Gregoire must be ready to veto a measure unjustifiably benefiting one group of medical practitioners. Chiropractors are supporting SB597, which would unnecessarily give them a pass from part of providers' controls on quality and efficiency. Under the bill, health insurers would have to cover treatment by all members of a chiropractic group if the plan contracts with any members of the group.

Health care bill goes to governor

The News Tribune, April 22, 2007

A large health care reform measure headed to Gov. Chris Gregoire on Saturday, with Democrats saying it sets the state on a path toward lowering costs and Republicans saying it doesn't do enough to help small businesses. The state Senate passed the measure 31-17 Saturday, after the House had passed it 63-35 Friday night. The bill, based on recommendations of the governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Costs and Access, "will take Washington state forward to be a national leader on health care policy," said Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Kent, who chairs the Senate Health and Long-term Care Committee.

Health funding boost means more follow-up

The Olympian, April 7, 2007

Some carriers of the sexually transmitted disease chlamydia won't ever get a call from public-health authorities, even if officials learn the name from a sexual partner. It's not an oversight; it's a budgeting

decision. Voters and lawmakers repealed motor-vehicle excise taxes in 2000 that had partly been spent on public health, and replacement funding approved by the Legislature never made up the entire shortfall.

Md. Lets Students Back With No Shots

Washington Post, April 7, 2007

More than 1,000 Maryland students who have been withdrawn from school for failure to get state-mandated vaccinations can return to class under a new regulation that gives them 45 days to get their shots. The emergency action, requested by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and passed by a state legislative committee, went into effect March 20. It applies only to the Prince George's County and Baltimore school districts, the two systems that have more than 500 students who have not received vaccinations for hepatitis B and chickenpox.

Language Proficiency and Adverse Events in U.S. Hospitals: A Pilot Study

The Commonwealth Fund, April 2007

When patients have trouble communicating with their doctors, the consequences can be grave: mistrust, dissatisfaction with care, even medical errors. When patients have limited English proficiency (LEP), communication problems can be even more serious. Despite the rising number of LEP individuals in the United States—from 6 percent of the population in 1990 to 8 percent in 2000—little is known about the impact of language barriers on patient safety. In "Language Proficiency and Adverse Events in U.S. Hospitals: A Pilot Study" (International Journal for Quality in Health Care, April 2007), Commonwealth Fund-supported researchers from the Joint Commission report on the type and frequency of adverse events experienced by LEP and English-speaking patients in six U.S. hospitals. Their findings are startling: LEP hospital patients are more likely than their English-speaking counterparts to experience adverse events that result in harm, and the severity of that harm is often greater.

New standards urged for school diets

USA Today, April 25, 2007

WASHINGTON — Schools across the country should boot out junk-food offerings and adopt better nutrition standards for the extra foods that kids buy during the school day, a prestigious federal advisory group said Wednesday. The Institute of Medicine (IOM), which advises Congress on health and science issues, issued new guidelines that recommend schools stop offering soft drinks, candy, cookies, snack cakes, regular potato chips and other high-fat, high-calorie foods and beverages in vending machines, a la carte lines, stores and at fundraising events and holiday parties.

New state vaccine rules take effect in July

The Olympian, April 25, 2007

New state immunization requirements take effect in July for all Washington children who are entering sixth grade this fall or who are 11 years old. Before starting school, those children now must show written documentation that they have been vaccinated for tetanus in the past five years. They also must show that they've either had chicken pox or been vaccinated against the illness. Families who oppose the state requirement for philosophical, religious or medical reasons can request an exemption.

Panel Urges Schools To Replace Junk Foods

Washington Post, April 26, 2007

A prestigious scientific panel urged the government yesterday to ban soft drinks, sugary snacks and other junk food from schools, saying the typical fare available in vending machines, at snack bars and at class birthday parties is contributing to the growing obesity of America's children. The Institute of Medicine report, which Congress requested, said less-nutritious items should be replaced with healthier

stuff such as fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products. It emphasized adding snacks with more whole grains and less sodium, saturated fat and added sugar.

Parents, politicians spar over vaccine: Some say it's too soon to mandate HPV shots

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, April 14, 2007

For Terri Wichman, the decision to vaccinate her 17-year-old daughter against a virus that causes cervical cancer was simple. After seeing several commercials about human papillomavirus virus, or HPV, she spoke with her own physician and then had a frank discussion with her daughter about the importance of protection once she became sexually active. Wichman says, however, that she's not forcing her daughter to get the shot and feels that no one else should dictate her family's choice. "It's too slippery a slope," said the 46-year-old mother of three from Greendale. "I have a real problem with government getting involved in this." Lawmakers in at least 39 states have introduced measures to require the HPV vaccine, provide funding for it or educate residents about its availability, while 23 are considering bills specifically to mandate the vaccine for school entry, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

State can improve children's health

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, April 5, 2007 (opinion)

Children's health care is a top priority for the governor and most of Washington's lawmakers. There is general agreement that the best approach is to provide preventive care and help kids stay healthy rather than spending untold millions treating illnesses that could have been prevented. Despite the best of intentions, legislators for years have made the difficult choice to pay for existing needs rather than to aggressively fund prevention. The problem comes down to money and competing priorities. When budgets are stretched thin, prevention takes a back seat. The health of the next generation is sacrificed to pay for the care of the present generation.

State might pay for HPV vaccines

The News Tribune, April 7, 2007

Starting in May, girls in Washington will be able to get a vaccine at no cost to protect against a sexually transmitted virus that can cause cervical cancer, if lawmakers commit to paying for the program.

But unlike proposals in Texas and some other states, Washington's program would not mandate that girls have the vaccine.

The state Department of Health is requesting about \$14.3 million over the next two years for the vaccine, which, combined with federal money, would make the vaccine available to about 94,000 girls ages 9 to 18.

Texas Legislators Block Shots for Girls Against Cancer Virus

New York Times, April 26, 2007

A revolt by lawmakers has blocked Gov. Rick Perry's effort to make Texas the first state to require sixth-grade girls to be vaccinated against a sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer. In a 135-to-2 vote that appeared veto-proof, the Texas House gave final passage on Wednesday to a Senate bill that bars the state from ordering the shots until at least 2011. Even many supporters of the governor resented Mr. Perry's proposal as an abuse of executive authority. "There was no public testimony — why we were jumping so fast into a vaccine that was not for a true communicable disease," said Senator Glenn Hegar Jr., a Republican representing a district just west of Houston who sponsored the Senate bill to overturn the governor's order. It passed 30 to 1 on Monday.

USDA wants school menus to follow dietary guidelines

The Washington Post, April 7, 2007

WASHINGTON — As part of a sweeping effort to help improve nutrition for schoolchildren and fight childhood obesity, the Agriculture Department is proposing for the first time to require schools to bring cafeteria menus into compliance with the latest U.S. dietary guidelines. While the department limits the sale of soda and some junk foods in school cafeterias, it has not required schools to implement the 2005 Dietary Guidelines that call for increased consumption of whole grains, fruit and vegetables.

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Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Vol. 28, No. 490, April 30, 2007

- Saving money and reducing crime: states are reforming their juvenile justice systems
- Some states are reversing their “get tough” approach toward juvenile crime, by providing greater access to community-based mental health and drug treatment program.
- Improving emergency care in rural areas ~ Only 20 percent of the U.S. population lives in rural areas, but nearly 60 percent of all trauma deaths occur there. The challenges are many, but states are making advances.
- States enhancing states ADAP programs ~ Many states and territories have been upping their contributions to ADAP programs. Plus, Medicare Part D has—at least temporarily—removed some of the financial burden.
- Highlights ~ ND special needs children...NY mental health...Nursing home quality...Hospice care criticized...HIV and American Indians
- Graphically speaking ~ Pay-for-performance programs are now almost the norm in Medicaid programs.

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Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Vol. 28, No. 489, April 16, 2007

- States fill gaps in oral health care ~ The death of a Maryland youth and disturbing national statistics are prompting state legislators to address the dental health needs of children.
- South Carolina toughens DUI laws ~ Palmetto State lawmakers are looking to lower fatality rates by tighten penalties for drunk driving.

- Feds paying states to treat undocumented immigrants ~ A provision in the 2003 Medicare law reimburses states for providing emergency health care to unauthorized immigrants.
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Functional status outcomes among white and African-American cardiac patients in an equal access system

American Heart Journal, Vol. 153, Issue 3, March 2007

Racial disparities exist in invasive cardiac procedure use and, sometimes, in subsequent functional status outcomes. We explored whether racial differences in functional outcomes occur in settings where differences in access and treatment are minimized.

Benefits with Risks — Bush's Tax-Based Health Care Proposals

New England Journal of Medicine, Vol. 356, No. 14, April 5, 2007

In his State of the Union address in January, President George W. Bush announced a major two-part health initiative that would create a new uniform tax deduction for all those obtaining health insurance and provide assistance to states that make basic private health insurance available to residents (see box).

The first and primary proposal addresses the tax code's perverse and inequitable treatment of health care expenditures, seeking thereby to reduce the ranks of the uninsured.¹ If adopted as proposed (a highly unlikely prospect), the initiative would take half a step toward a more equitable system, but it would have an uncertain effect on the expansion of coverage and could expose insured Americans to some significant risks.

Elimination of Measles --- South Korea, 2001--2006

MMWR, Vol. 56, No. 13, April 6, 2007

Before the introduction of measles-containing vaccine (MCV), measles was endemic in South Korea. MCV became available in South Korea in 1965, and measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine was added to the country's national immunization program in 1983, with 1 dose administered at age 9--15 months. In 1997, a second dose of MCV (MCV2) was added to the schedule; recommended ages for administration of MCV1 and MCV2 were 12--15 months and 4--6 years, respectively. However, with insufficient policies and programs in place to promote 2-dose coverage, this 1997 recommendation achieved limited coverage with 2 doses of MCV. In a 2000 seroepidemiologic study among children aged 7--9 years who had been eligible for vaccination since 1997, only 39% had received MCV2 (Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [KCDC], unpublished data, 2001).

Giving everyone the health of the educated: An examination of whether social change would save more lives than medical advances

American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 97, No. 4, April 2007

The past century's progress in medicine and public health has reduced morbidity and lengthened life expectancy, but the pace of progress has been modest. For more than 100 years, the national death rate has declined at a rate that has remained remarkably constant (1% per year), with the exception of the conspicuous spike during the 1917 - 1918 influenza pandemic (Figure 1). Neither the public health advances of the early 20th century nor the medical technological advances in more recent times have done much to change the modest downward slope.

History and Health Policy in the United States: Putting the Past Back in

New England Journal of Medicine, Vol. 356, No. 14, April 5, 2007

In this book, a distinguished group of historians and social scientists have written 13 chapters organized around the idea that history can, and should, inform contemporary decisions on health policy. In the introduction, Rosemary Stevens underscores the power of historical writing, which both creates a narrative that defines the way we collectively see the world and allows us to consider a wider range of possibilities for today's health policy options.

Prevalence of Fruit and Vegetable Consumption and Physical Activity by Race/Ethnicity --- United States, 2005

MMWR, Vol. 56, No. 13, April 6, 2007

Diets high in fruits and vegetables and participation in regular physical activity are associated with a lower risk for several chronic diseases and conditions (1). The National Cholesterol Education Program and the American Cancer Society both emphasize lifestyle modifications that include diet and physical activity to reduce disease risk.* These are also two of the strategies implemented by states participating in CDC's Nutrition and Physical Activity Program to Prevent Obesity and Other Chronic Diseases. To examine the combined prevalence of 1) consumption of fruits and vegetables five or more times per day and 2) regular physical activity among U.S. adults by race/ethnicity, CDC analyzed self-reported data from the 2005 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

Recommended Immunization Schedules for Persons Aged 0-18 Years—United States, 2007

Journal of American Medical Association, Vol. 297, No. 7, February 21, 2007

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) periodically reviews the recommended immunization schedule for persons aged 0-18 years to ensure that the schedule is current with changes in vaccine formulations and reflects revised recommendations for the use of licensed vaccines, including those newly licensed.

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2006 Annual Report, Washington State Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, March 2007

The report is an overview of many of the division's key accomplishments and activities that help make Washington a healthier place to live, work, and play. For more information, or to obtain a copy, please call 1-800-525-0127.

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