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Board to hold hearing on HIV name retention

Wednesday, June 14, 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport, 18220 International Boulevard., SeaTac

At its meeting Wednesday, June 14, in SeaTac, the Washington State Board of Health will hold a public hearing on changes to the HIV reporting rules that would allow names to be retained. Currently the names of people with asymptomatic HIV disease must be converted to code in 90 days. Not allowing state retention would jeopardize \$3 to \$5 million in federal funds awarded the state under the Ryan White CARE Act. The proposed draft rule would also allow local health jurisdictions to retain names, which could improve client services.

In addition, the Department of Health will ask the Board to consider revising reporting requirements for drinking water laboratories. The Board will also hear a proposal on next steps for considering revisions to its school environmental health and safety rule. Board staff will present proposed changes to the human remains rule which will be heard at its July 12 meeting.

The Board will discuss the final round of edits to the 2006 State Health Report, which is intended to guide state agencies as they prepare budget and legislation request for 2007.

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

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