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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Frankie Manning, SBOH Member

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

Background and Summary

Reducing health disparities is the third goal in the 2007 Five-Year Strategic Plan that was adopted by the Board on November 14, 2007. One key strategy listed to meet that goal is to “support the success of the Governor’s Interagency Council on Health Disparities.”

As the Council has just completed its first year of work and is scheduled to submit its first progress report to the Governor and Legislature on January 15, 2007, I thought that it would be an appropriate time to provide the Board with an update on the Council’s accomplishments to date.

I have asked Council staff to provide an update on the Council’s progress toward creating a state action plan to eliminate health disparities by race/ethnicity and sex. In addition, staff will review other activities the Council has initiated or participated in that contribute toward the goal of improving the health and well being of Washington’s communities of color.

In your packets under tab 12, you will find presentation handouts and a copy of the draft progress report to the Governor and Legislature.

Recommended Board Action

No action recommended at this time.