

Environmental Health Committee

Members: *Keith Higman (Chair), Karen VanDusen*

Staff: *Ned Therien*

Status: **Meets approximately once a month**

Diana Yu participates occasionally. Mike Shelton was an active member before leaving the Board in August 2007. The committee has been very active during the school rule development process and advises regularly on environmental health bills during session.

Health Disparities Committee

Members: *Frankie T. Manning (Chair), Mel Tonasket*

Staff: *Christy Hoff*

Status: **Meets occasionally as needed**

The committee chair is also the Board's representative to the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities. Supporting the success of the Council is a major part of the Board's health disparities work currently. A recent project was the Each Student Successful Summit.

Access Committee

Member: *David Crump*

Staff: *Craig McLaughlin*

Status: **Inactive**

The chair was Dr. Kim Thorburn who left the Board in December 2006. Another active member, Dr. Ed Gray, left in June 2006. The last time this committee met regularly was in August and September 2006 while working on a health care financing proposal for the Blue Ribbon Commission. David Crump has been the sponsor on the main piece of access-related policy development work for the past year—a public health approach to mental health.

Children's Health and Well Being Committee

Members: *David Crump, Mel Tonasket*

Staff: *Tara Wolff*

Status: **Inactive**

The former chair was Dr. Charles Chu. The Children's Health and Well Being Committee focused mainly on children's nutrition and physical activity policy issues and last met in 2006. The strategic plan calls for re-establishing this committee or an equivalent to work on those same types of issues. Those who have expressed interest in being part of a revitalized version of this committee or a successor are Frankie Manning, Dr. Patricia Ortiz, Dr. Diana Yu, John Austin and Treuman Katz.