

Update on the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities

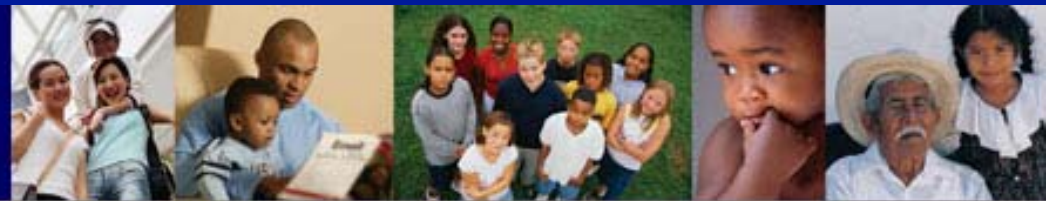
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Presentation Overview

- Board's Strategic Plan
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Board's 2007 Strategic Plan

Goal 3: Reduce Health Disparities

Objective: Support the implementation of Senate Bill 6197

Strategy: Support the success of the Council

- Assure high-quality work by council staff
- Implement U.S. DHHS Office of Minority Health grant to improve communication with hard-to-reach populations
- Ensure that Board Executive Director reserves some of his capacity to support strategic success of the council

About the Council

Chair & two public members appointed by the Governor
Representatives from 14 agencies, boards & commissions

Governor's Appointee (Chair)
Consumer Representative (Vice Chair)
Consumer Representative
Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
Department of Health
Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
Dept. of Community, Trade, & Economic Development
Health Care Authority
Commission on African American Affairs
Department of Agriculture
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Commission on Hispanic Affairs
State Board of Health
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Department of Ecology
Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board
Department of Early Learning

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About the Council

- First convened October 20, 2006
- Meet about 4 times/year with ad-hoc conference call Meetings
- 11 public meetings to date
- Web site:

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About the Council

Council's Responsibilities:

- Create an action plan to eliminate disparities by race/ethnicity and sex
- Develop recommendations around language access
- Foster communication and collaboration among entities working to address health disparities (public, private, community)
- Investigate how state government contributes to and/or reduces health disparities

Progress Toward the Action Plan

- First version of the action plan due by 2012
- On track for submission by 2010 (2 years early)
- Must focus on five health topics in first version of plan
 - 16 health topics listed in statute
 - Must also address social determinants of health
 - Prioritize by magnitude, severity, disparity
- Subsequent versions due every two years

Progress Toward the Action Plan

- Phase I Prioritization
 - Narrowed list from 32 to 12 health topics
 - Three criteria: (1) magnitude, (2) severity, (3) disparity
 - Epidemiologic briefing documents for the 32 health topics
- Phase II Prioritization
 - Narrowed the list from 12 to 5 health topics
 - Three criteria: (1) readiness, (2) public input, (3) epi data
 - Environmental scan briefing documents for the 12 health topics
- Two-tiered prioritization process resulted in 5 priorities
 - Significant public health concern
 - Significant community concern
 - Balance between health outcomes and social determinants

Progress Toward Action Plan

Next Step: Advisory Committees

- 5 Committees (one for each priority)
- Committees' purpose:
 - Identify policy options to address inequities in the priority health area.
 - Review and assess the merits of each option.
 - Prioritize and deliver 3-4 recommendations for state policy and program actions to the Council.
 - Act as ambassadors and advocates for the action plan.

Other Activities

Community Outreach

- State Partnership Grant from U.S. DHHS Office of Minority Health
- Hired Community Outreach Coordinator
 - Attends meetings, forums, events across the state
 - Shares information about health disparities and the Council
 - Obtains public input to guide the Council
- Public Input Surveys
- Community Forums
 - 10/2006 (Seattle)
 - 9/2007 (Tumwater)
 - 5/2008 (Tacoma)



Other Activities

Recommendations for culturally and linguistically appropriate health literature and interpretive services

- Health Literature Assessment (contract with CCHCP)
- Community meetings and forums
- Public input surveys
- Language access panel at 9/25 meeting

Other Activities

Fostering communication, coordination, and collaboration

- Member comments and updates at Council meetings
- Members represent the Council on numerous workgroups and advisory committees
- Members participate in conferences, forums, and other events
- Monitor and track related work (e.g., academic achievement gap studies, workforce demographics surveys and multicultural training)

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