

Status of State Board of Health 2007 Five-Year Strategic Plan: Progress Report on Activities and Performances Measures

November 12, 2008

Goal 1: Strengthen the public health system

1.1.1: Reserve a portion of the Board's capacity so it is able to develop timely policy responses to emerging and re-emerging diseases when necessary.

1. Ongoing: We have responded to *Vibrio* outbreak with emergency and permanent rule changes. Briefing on emerging issues related to TB will be scheduled at a future meeting.

1.1.2: Assure public health authorities and SBOH rules are adequate to prevent and respond to disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies.

1. Ongoing: Notifiable conditions CR-101 is being filed. Board briefed in October.
2. Ongoing: Board briefed on HIV issues in June. CR-101 filed in October.
3. Ongoing: We continue to discuss isolation and quarantine in various venues.
4. Ongoing: No current activity on syndromic surveillance but continue to monitor.

1.1.3: Contribute to effort to assure public health preparedness.

1. Completed: Ned served on interagency work group on climate change and health.
2. Ongoing: Craig attended Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Joint Advisory Committee in April, but was sick during October meeting.
3. Ongoing: Current Board activity related to public health preparedness low.

Measure: MET. Board briefing on notifiable conditions held in October.

1.2.1: Contribute to the Public Health Improvement Partnership

1. Ongoing: Craig has attended all meetings of the PHIP Director's Group
2. Ongoing: Craig and Ned participate in PHIP workgroups.
3. Completed: Craig and Keith participated in committees advising DOH on ESSB 5930 implementation (Craig serves on the Activities and Services Committee).
4. Dropped: Center for Health System Innovation and Improvement not funded.

1.2.2: Communicate and collaborate with local board of health and local health officials.

1. On Hold: Meetings with local boards were being scheduled regularly and were on target to meet goal of ten. Activity slowed for budget/staffing reasons after seven.
2. On Hold: The Courthouse Journal articles on hold because of demands of school rule revision and staffing reduction.
3. Ongoing: The local boards Web section updated regularly and is current. Staffing reduction may slow updates that are needed after November election.

4. Ongoing: No current activities for local board training but continue to monitor.
5. Ongoing: Provide regular updates at WSALPHO meetings.

1.2.3: Support the efforts of the tribes to increase their public health activity.

1. Ongoing: Continue to maintain contact with the tribes.
2. Inactive: Monitoring of activity regarding effective partnerships passive.
3. Inactive: Tribal section of the Web site is still not up. Assigned to executive director, who has been focused primarily on school rule.

1.2.4: Assure the Board is a high-functioning organization.

1. Ongoing: Strategic plan approved for OFM in June.
2. Inactive: No Board training and development is currently planned.
3. Ongoing: Board has goals and objectives, monitors performance, has performance and development plans in place for all staff, and completed PHIP site visit.
4. Inactive: Need to do better job of identifying goals and evaluation strategies for new rules. Goals for school rule have served us well.

Measure: NOT MET. On track for 10 face-to-face meetings with local boards of health this year, but put a hold on after seven because of staffing and budget. Recommending change to five per calendar year until full staffing restored.

Goal 2: Increase access to preventive services

2.1.1: Increase use of the Board's Menu of Critical Health Services.

1. Inactive: PHIP Access Committee on hiatus.
2. Ongoing: Provided information about the menu to the Office of the Insurance Commissioner for its work on mandating coverage for preventive services.

2.1.2: Increase the provision of children's preventive health services.

1. (CHIS). Tara participates on Vaccine Committee.
2. Ongoing: January report scheduled on Children's Health Improvement System.
3. Ongoing: Tara participates in State Agency Medical Homes Partnership group.
4. Inactive: No current activities to promote Preventive Services list although report is frequently downloaded from Web.

2.1.3: Increase immunization rates

1. Ongoing: Updated the immunization rule in October.
2. Ongoing: Continue to work with DOH to support efforts around CHILD Profile in schools and recommend it to legislators as an effective strategy.
3. Not Started: Not currently working with partners to increase school and child care capacity to implement rules, except through CHIS Vaccine Committee

4. Not Started: Not currently working with partners to increase adult immunizations.
5. Ongoing: Discussing with DOH and other stakeholders ways to address the number of exemptions, and specifically convenience exemptions.

Measure: MET. Documentation is available on immunization rule update.

2.2.2: Promote a preventive approach to mental health services.

1. Ongoing: Continue to participate on the Prevention Advisory Group.
2. Completed: Report on a public health approach to mental health is done.
3. Completed: Actively involved in planning May 13, 2008 policy summit.

Measure: MET. Mental health report completed on schedule.

Goal 3: Reduce health disparities

3.1.1: Support the success of the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities.

1. Ongoing: Excellent work being done by the staff. The quality of the January 2008 status report was noted by the Governor's Office staff.
2. Ongoing: Outreach on schedule. Grant funded for second year.
3. Ongoing: Executive director needs to pay a little more attention to Council, but Council staffers are self-reliant and feel they are getting the necessary support.

3.1.2: Provide health impact reviews

1. Ongoing: Completed reviews in response to three requests last legislative session. Position vacant and may not be able to rehire because of hiring freeze.

Measure: MET. Council status report completed on schedule.

3.2.1: Provide follow-up to the Each Student Successful Summit.

1. Completed: Final report of summit advisory committee is complete.
2. Ongoing: We continue to maintain Web pages related to the summit.
3. Completed: Tara has presented on the summit at several conferences including a Prevention Summit in Washington, DC.

Measure: MET. Summit final report was completed on schedule.

3.2.2: Identify and promote policies that address the link between health disparities and academic achievement.

1. Ongoing: Work underway on matrix of evidence-based and promising practices.

2. Ongoing: Actively sought out opportunities during the 2007 legislative session to support policy proposals that would address both issues.

3.3.1: Explicitly address health disparities in Board work products.

1. Completed: Addressed health disparities in the 2008 State Health Report.
2. Ongoing: Addressed health disparities in the 2007 Annual Report to the Governor and draft of 2008 report.
3. Completed: Addressed health disparities in the mental health report.

3.3.2: Assure the cultural competency of the Board and its staff.

1. Ongoing: Ensure all new staff members receive cultural competency training.
2. Ongoing: Require GOIA training to all staff, but should remind Board members of its availability.

Measure: MET. All new staff completed cultural competency training within one year.

Goal 4: Encourage health behaviors

4.1.1: Partner with other organizations to promote better nutrition and increased physical activity, particularly for children in school settings.

1. Completed: Participate in strategy meetings.
2. Ongoing: Tara Wolff is interim co-chair of Action for Health Kids.
3. Ongoing: Continue to participate in Washington State Partnership for Youth.
4. Completed: Worked with OSPI and DOH on successful reapplication for CDC coordinated school health state grant and participated in hiring new coordinator.
5. Ongoing: Sponsor of the Healthiest State Campaign, Board members and staff participate in logging miles and activities. Briefing scheduled for November.

4.1.2: Explore ways the Board can provide greater leadership in addressing overweight and obesity in children.

1. Ongoing: Committee re-established last month as Health Promotion Committee and is meeting. Children's Alliance phase one is complete.
2. Ongoing: Capacity to implement a Health Promotion Committee work plan on obesity and activity is available. Committee meeting to establish approach. Approach may differ from Children's Alliance strategy. Description of activity may need to be modified, depending on scope and focus of work plan.

Measure: NOT MET. Board briefing on Children's Alliance delayed because of change in the campaign's schedule.

Goal 5: Promote healthy and safe environments

5.1.1: Encourage dialog and partnerships between public health professionals and land-use planners.

1. Completed: Ned supported built environment theme at Joint Conference on Health in October 2007.
2. On Hold: Board study session on health impact assessments not yet scheduled.

5.1.2: Explore and pursue opportunities to promote decision makers' awareness of the impact of the built environment on health.

1. Not Started: Ned has been busy on school rule. Did not expect to get to this seminar in the first year. Will not have capacity for several months.

Measure: NOT MET. Board briefing on health impact assessments delayed; King County and Public Health-Seattle & King County had not completed related work.

5.2.1: Evaluate recently revised rules in a regular and timely manner.

1. Not Started: Update on on-site rule not yet due.
2. On Hold: Staffing issues may delay work on food code.
3. Ongoing: Water recreation briefing scheduled for November.
4. Not Started: Report on need to update on-site rule not due yet.

5.2.2.: Assure environmental health rules are adequate and current; revise if necessary.

1. Ongoing: Animal rule is currently open but rule development slowed because of staffing changes as DOH and need for SBOH staff to focus on school rule.
2. Ongoing: Drinking water certification rule being updated.
3. Ongoing: Group B briefing in November.
4. Ongoing: Homeless shelter rule is open and drafting is progressing with good cooperation from stakeholders.
5. Ongoing: Vibrio permanent rule adopted. Briefing scheduled for November.
6. Ongoing: Septic tank rule opened.
7. Ongoing: Drainfield remediation standards continues to be contentious issue with legislators. CR-101 is open. DOH has set internal timeline.
8. Ongoing: Discussion about vector-borne diseases held with local public health.

Measure: Briefing on on-site rules, not due until September 2009.

5.3.1: Ensure that Board [school environmental health and safety] rules are adequate and current.

1. Ongoing: Board delayed vote on adoption until no later than June 2009.
2. Not Started: Revisions to guidance will not begin until rule is adopted.

5.3.2: Improve quality and number of school environmental health and safety programs.

1. Ongoing: We continue to encourage cooperation through rule revision team work and other opportunities.
2. Ongoing: Input to other agencies will be ready for Board consideration at time of adoption.
3. Ongoing: Specific strategies in legislative presentations.
4. Ongoing: Support funding solutions in legislative presentations.
5. Not Started: Briefing on school safety issues will be scheduled after rule is completed.

Measure: NOT MET. Calls for 2008 adoption. Scheduled to adopt by June 2009.

5.4.1: Support interagency efforts to prevent human exposure to PBTs.

1. Ongoing: Supported chemical action plans before Legislature and included in state health report.
2. Not Started: Have not yet implemented specific efforts aimed at protecting children from PBTs.

Measure: MET. Board updated on PBT strategy.

5.4.2: Reduce children's exposure to toxins in the environment.

1. Not Started: This work not scheduled to begin until December 2008. May be delayed because of meeting schedule and school rule.
2. Not Started: Long-term activity. Strategies not yet identified.
3. Not Started: Initiative and ways it can be supported have not been identified.

Measure: The measure for this section, a study session on children's exposure to toxins, not due until September 2009.