

SBOH Staff Ongoing External Commitments, 2009-11

State Board of Health staff members have ongoing commitments to participate with partner organizations in various workgroups, advisory committees, governance committees, etc. as part of their regular work. Not all of these commitments are captured in the strategic plan. As the Board looks at capacity to undertake policy initiatives, it needs to understand other pieces of work, and it may choose to direct staff to withdraw from low-priority activities.

Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director

Agency Medical Directors Group

Represent the Board on this interagency work group that comprises representatives of all health-related state agencies (most but not all are medical directors).

Time involved: Meets one morning most months.

Duration: Ongoing

Prevention Advisory Group, Mental Health Transformation Grant

Chair committee established by the Mental Health Transformation Grant project to articulate vision for promoting mental health and preventing mental illness.

Time involved: Three hours monthly for regular meetings plus additional planning work

Duration: At least through August 2010 and may continue

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response Joint Advisory Committee

Participate when possible on statewide public-private leadership committee established as part of federal emergency preparedness grant.

Time involved: Daylong meetings a few times per year.

Duration: Ongoing

Public Health Improvement Partnership (PHIP)

Represent the Board on the PHIP Board of Directors and also participate in Performance Management and Activities & Services committees.

Time involved: Attend daylong meeting about five times a year in SeaTac, Spokane, and elsewhere.

Duration: Ongoing

Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO)

Serve as liaison to WSALPHO. Attend general meetings. Also attend forums meetings (Health Officers and Public Health Executive Leadership) and board of directors meetings when agenda items relate directly to the Board's activities.

Time involved: About eight half-day or daylong meetings annually.

Duration: Ongoing

Ned Therien, Health Policy Analyst

Environmental Health (EH) Directors Forum/WSALPHO

Serve as Board liaison. Half of EH directors meet in Moses Lake and the other half meet in Tacoma each month to discuss current issues. Agendas are usually the same. Twice a year, the directors meet jointly in Central Washington for two days.

Time involved: One day per month approximately

Duration: Ongoing

Partners in Food Safety

DOH hosts a half-day policy-level meeting of representatives of various agencies semi-annually in Kent to discuss current issues in food safety.

Time involved: 16 hours per year to attend meetings

Duration: Ongoing

Washington State Environmental Health Association

Past President. Duties include helping to plan Joint Conference on Health to be held October 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Time involved: About 12 hours per month for meetings, answering e-mails, and phone calls; also attend NEHA Conferences for a week in June 2007 and June 2008 as state affiliate representative.

Duration: Through October 2009

Zoonotic Disease Advisory Group

Participate on statewide workgroup convened by DOH.

Time involved: Half-day meetings, 2-3 times per year

Duration: Open-ended commitment

Tara Wolff, Health Policy Analyst

Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK)—Washington State Chapter

On steering committee of non-profit organization that addresses the epidemic of overweight, undernourished, and sedentary youth by focusing on changes at schools. It works in 50 states to improve children's nutrition and increase physical activity, which in turn improves their readiness to learn.

Time involved: General member and goal subcommittee membership. (16-24 hours per year.)

Duration: Ongoing

Medical Home Partnership Group

This team originally grew out of a request from the Governor's Office to develop proposals on prevention priorities. This team has continued to meet to share information on medical homes.

Time involved: Monthly meetings (36 hours per year)

Duration: Ongoing

Community Health Leadership Forum

Public health nursing directors, health promotion managers and others attend monthly day-long meetings to discuss current issues, share ideas, and receive program updates.

Time involved: Attend (on an as-needed basis) as liaison for the Board. (8 hours per meeting.)

Duration: Ongoing

Vaccine Advisory Committee

This DOH advisory committee provides recommendations on issues related to the use of vaccines and other medication in public health response to disease and for current management of preventable diseases.

Time involved: Regularly attend half-day meetings

Duration: Ongoing

Christy Curwick, Health Policy Analyst

National Association of State Offices of Minority Health

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities is a member of the association and Christy is a member of its Board representing Region X.

Time involved: Serves as the state contact for the association, as well as for the national Office of Minority Health

Duration: Open-ended commitment

DOH Multicultural Workgroup

Department of Health has an agency-wide Multicultural Workgroup and Christy is a member representing the Board and the Council

Time involved: Attend monthly workgroup meetings. Help plan for Asian Pacific Islander Month in May of each year. Assist with annual summit and other event planning as needed.

Duration: Open-ended commitment