NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meeting of the **Washington State Board of Health**

Wednesday 5/14/03 – 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

AmeriTel Inn

4520 Martin Way East, Olympia, WA 98516

Proposed FINAL Agenda

9:30 a.m.	**Call to Order**	*Linda Lake*, WSBOH Chair
	1. Approval of Agenda--Action	
	2. April Minutes--Adoption	
9:35 a.m.	**3. Department of Health Update**	*Maxine Hayes*, State Health Officer, Department of Health
9:55 a.m.	**4. SBOH Announcements**	*Don Sloma*, WSBOH Executive Director
10:15 a.m.	**5. Introduction & Comments**	*Jeffery Thompson MD*, Chief Medical Officer DSHS, Medical Assistance Administration
10:40 a.m.	**6. Well-Child Exam Pilot Project: Preliminary Findings and Recommendations**	*Vickie Ybarra*, WSBOH Member *Doreen Garcia*, WSBOH Staff *Gayle Thronson*, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Health Services Coordinator
11:00 a.m.	**BREAK**	
11:10 a.m.	**7. Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Overview and Rule Development Committee Update**	*Carl Osaki*, WSBOH Member *Marianne Seifert*, WSBOH Staff *Art Starry*, Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department, Environmental Health Director *Debbie Riley*, Mason County Department of Health Services, Environmental Health Manager *Bill Dewey*, Taylor Shellfish Farms *Reed Tacia*, Reed's Construction *Maryanne Guichard*, Department of Health, Environmental Health & Safety
12:30 a.m.	**LUNCH**	
2:00 p.m.	**8. Urgency to Prevent & Reduce Overweight & Obesity in Children**	*Vickie Ybarra*, WSBOH Member *Doreen Garcia*, WSBOH Staff *Donna Johnson*, PhD, Associate Director, Center for Public Health Nutrition, University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine *Kyle Unland*, Lead Supervisor, Diabetes, Nutrition & Physical Activity, Department of Health *Paul Flock*, Child Nutrition Supervisor, Olympia School District *Amy Belko MD*, President and Board Member Thurston Mason Medical Society, WA Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics
3:00 p.m.	**9. Legislative Update**	*Craig McLaughlin*, WSBOH Staff
3:10 p.m.	**10. Analysis of Authority to Enter Private Property**	*Craig McLaughlin*, WSBOH Staff
3:30 p.m.	*11.* **Community Forums & Critical Health Services: Humanlinks, Washington Health Foundation, Community Roundtables--Possible Action**	*Don Sloma,* WSBOH Executive Director *Julie Davidson*, Director of Health Care Initiatives Humanlinks *James Whitfield*, Washington Health Foundation
3:55 p.m.	**12. Possible Board 2003-05 Priorities**	*Don Sloma*, WSBOH Executive Director
4:15 p.m.	**13. Public Testimony**	
4:30 p.m.	**Adjournment**	

PLEASE NOTE: Times above are estimates only. The Board reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda. For information regarding testimony, handouts, other questions or for people needing special accommodation, please contact Desiree Day Robinson at the Board office at (360) 236-4110 by May 7, 2003. This meeting site is barrier free. Emergency contact number during the meeting is (360) 701-2398.

For Your Information . . .

As of: May 1, 2003

Conferences

Please note: This list is provided primarily for informational purposes. Due to the current state fiscal restraints, Board members, staff and other state employees may not be able to attend these conferences unless they use personal resources.

	DATE	NAME	LOCATION & INFORMATION
1.	*May 9 2003*	**National Environmental Policy Commission Listening Session** *Sponsored by: National Environmental Policy Commission*	Seattle University Student Center, Seattle, Washington *For more information visit their Website at* http://pico.library.musc.edu/np/nepc02.html *and/or Contact Ragan DuBose at (843) 792-5530 or* duboser@musc.edu
2.	*May 12-16 2003*	**26th National Rural Health Association (NRHA) Annual Conference & 9th Annual Rural Minority Health Conference** *Sponsored by: National Rural Health Association*, Grand	America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah *For more information, call (800) 325-4000 or visit* *http://www.nrharural.org/pagefile/NRHAconf.htm*
3.	*May 14-16 2003*	**"Using Evidence to Guide Health Policy Decisions in Times of Fiscal Constraint" – A Workshop for State and Local Health Care Policymakers** *Sponsored by: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality*	San Francisco, California *For more information, call (202) 292-6718*
4.	*May 18-21 2003*	**2nd UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters** *Sponsored by: Center for Public Health and Disasters*	Torrance Marriott Hotel, Torrance, California *For more information, call (310) 316-3636 or visit* *http://www.ph.ucla.edu/cphdr/conference.html*
5.	*June 2-4 2003*	**Protecting the Sources of the Nation's Drinking Water: Opportunities for Action** *Sponsored by: The Environmental Protection Agency*	Hotel Washington, Washington DC *For more information call 1-800-426-4791 or visit* *http://www.epa.gov/safewater/protect/swpconf.html*
6.	*June 2-4 2003*	**2nd Annual Telehealth Leadership Conference: An Intensive Look at Key Health Issues in Telehealth** *Sponsored by: Washington State University*	Wyndam Washington DC Hotel, Washington DC *For more information, call (573) 884-7958 or visit* *www.muhealth.org/~cme/telehealth*
7.	*June 3 2003*	**Creating Healthy, Active Communities** *Sponsored by: Washington State Department of Health, University of Washington, Center for Public Health Nutrition*	Hilton Conference, Seattle, Washington *For more information call (360) 943-3642 or visit* *http://depts.washington.edu/uwcphn/*
8.	*June 4 2003*	**Washington Coalition Annual Meeting: "Transforming Communities to Encourage Physical Activity"** *Sponsored by: Washington Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity*	Group Health Conference Center, Tukwila, Washington *For more information call (206) 287-4604 or visit* *http://www.beactive.org/register.html*
9.	*June 6 2003*	**Quality of Life for Our Elders Conference: Clinical Care for Successful Aging** *Sponsored by: Washington State University*	Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane, Washington *For more information, call (800) 279-0705 or visit* *http://www.spokane.wsu.edu/calendar/viewevent.asp?id=237*
10.	*June 18-21 2003*	**13th Annual Social Marketing in Public Health** *Sponsored by: Department of Community and Family Health*	Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach, Florida *For more information, call (727) 595-1611 or visit* *www.publichealth.usf.edu/conted*

11.	*June 20-23 2003*	**NCC Environmental Justice Conference: "Enough for All: Sustainable Living in a Global World"** *Sponsored by: The National Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Working Group, Earth Ministry, Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry, and the Washington Association of Churches.*	Seattle, Washington *For more information, call (206) 616-7566 or visit http://www.webofcreation.org/ncc/conference*
12.	*July 16-18 2003*	**9th Annual International Symposium** *Sponsored by: The Picker Institute*	The Westin Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts *For more information, call (402) 475-2525 or visit www.pickersymposium.org*
13.	*July 16-18 2003*	**National Prevention Symposium** *Sponsored by: Comprehensive Health Education Foundation (CHEF)*	Hotel Nikko, San Francisco, California *For more information, call (800) 323-2433 or visit www.cheff.org/programs/national.php*
14.	*August 4-6 2003*	**Disease Management Conference & Expo** *Sponsored by: Strategic Research Institute*	World Trade Center & Seaport Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts *For more information, call (888) 666-8514 or visit www.srinstitute.com/dmcex*
15.	*August 4-8 2003*	**Public Health Preparedness – Tools for the Frontline** *Sponsored by: The Summer Institute For Public Health Practice*	University of Washington, Seattle, Washington *For more information, call (206) 685-1130 or visit http://nwcphp.org/niphp/*
16.	*September 16-19 2003*	**Food, Physical Activity and Body Weight** *Sponsored by: US Department of Health and Human Services*	Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, Portland, Oregon ***For more information, call (202) 777-2479 or visit www.ohsu.edu/weight/calltoaction***
17.	*October 12-15 2003*	**5th Annual Disease Management Leadership Forum** *Sponsored by: Disease Management Association of America*	Hyatt Regency, Chicago, Illinois *For more information, visit www.DMAA.org*
18.	*November 16-19 2003*	**131st Annual Meeting & Exposition** *Sponsored by: American Public Health Association (APHA)*	Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, California ***For more information, call (206) 615-2024 or visit www.apha.org***
19.	*April 30 thru July 1 2003*	**Washington Health Foundation: Community RoundTables 2003** *The Washington Health Foundation and a statewide partnership of 10 organizations are hosting a series of 40 community meetings throughout Washington during the first six months of 2003. It is your chance to offer your priorities and concerns for health and health care in this state.*	***For more updated information on locations and times, please visit*** *http://www.whf.org/pro_assuring_transform_sche.asp*

County	City	Date	Contacts- Local Public Health Primary
Spokane County	Spokane	May 7	Torney Smith Smithsmith@spokanecounty.org (509) 324-1500
Douglas County	Waterville	May 8	Kay Sparks kay.sparks@cdhd.wa.gov
Whitman County	Pullman	May 15	Jeannie Eylar jeylar@pmh1.org (509) 336-0235
Grays Harbor County	Aberdeen	May 19	Maryann Welch mwelch@co.grays-harbor.wa.us

Snohomish County	Everett	May 20	Judy Ward jward@shd.snohomish.wa.gov
Adams County		May 21	Callie Moore calliem@co.adams.wa.us
Lincoln County		May 22	Ed Dzedzy edzedzy@co.lincoln.wa.us
Stevens County	Colville	May 27	Gayle McDowell gpinewood@theofficenet.com
Okanogan County	Omak	May 28	Lori Albert lalbert@co.okanogan.wa.us
Ferry County		May 29	Kelly Leslie lesliek@fcphd.org
King County North		May 29	Meg Butterworth meg.butterworth@metrokc.gov
King County		June 3	Meg Butterworth meg.butterworth@metrokc.gov
King County South		June 5	Meg Butterworth meg.butterworth@metrokc.gov
Walla Walla County		June 10	Peter Camarillo peterc@yvfw.org
Asotin County	Clarkston	June 12	Carmel Donahue achd@clarkston.com
Skamania County	Stevenson	June 17	Maureen Taylor Mtaylor@swwhd.wa.gov (360) 397-8215
Klickitat County	Goldendale	June 17	
Grant County	Moses Lake	June 24	Roger Arango Healthrarango@ep.co.grant.wa.us
Chelan County	Wenatchee	June 26	Kay Sparks kay.sparks@cdhd.wa.gov
Pend Oreille County	Newport	July 1	

Correspondence to the Board

1. Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health
Source: Island County Board of Commissioners
Commission strongly suggests that the Board give careful review and consideration to the economic impact of lowering the maximum contaminant level for Group B public water systems prior to making our decision.

2. Washington State Board of Health Members
Source: Clark County Board of Commissioners
The Commission thanks the Board for allowing members to comment on the critical need for stable public health services. They state, "We would greatly appreciate anything you may do to help validate and sustain the value of these essential services."

3. Washington State Board of Health Members
Source: Whatcom County Council

The Council would like to thank the Board for the invitation to the April 9, 2003 meeting, but due to other commitments, members were unable to attend. It comments, "The state must establish a stable and secure funding source for public health. The counties of the state form an interconnected web to ensure public safety to the citizens of the state. Any weakness in that web will threaten the health and welfare of all. It is imperative that the state officials recognize the need to protect the public's health by funding local public health."

4. Governor's Directive No. 03-01
Source: Gary Locke, Governor, Washington State
Governor Locke directs each state agency to develop and be prepared to implement amended emergency management plans to respond to US Department of Homeland Security alerts.

5. The Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of Washington
Source: Mary Selecky, Secretary, Washington State Department of Health
Secretary Selecky forwarded the nomination for the Snohomish County Human Services Division of Alcohol and Other Drugs to be the recipient of the Warren Featherstone Reid Award for Excellence in Health Care.

6. Don Sloma, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Health
Source: Mr. David Dow, Edgewood, Washington
Mr. Dow is concerned about the annual testing of his sprinkler system and the effect it has on the ground water. He is inquiring whether it is a state requirement and whether it is enforced statewide.

Correspondence from the Board

1. The Honorable David Lopeman, Squaxin Island Tribal Chairman
Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health
Letter thanking Mr. Lopeman for allowing the Board to hold its May 14 meeting at the Squaxin Island Tribal Center, and inviting members of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council to the Board meeting.
(Note: The location of the May 14th Washington State Board of Health meeting has been changed to the AmeriTel Inn in Olympia.)

2. The Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of Washington
Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health
Request to the Governor to sign House Bill 1318, relating to referencing the United Stated Food and Drug Administration Food Code in RCW 43.20.

3. Dr. Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health and Vicki Ybarra, Member, Washington State Board of Health
The State Board of Health has made protecting and improving the health and well-being of children one of its top priorities. We find that one of the most important places to protect and improve the health of children is in the school setting.

4. Island County Board of Commissioners
Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health
Chair Lake expresses thanks for the April 14, 2003 letter regarding arsenic maximum contaminant levels for Group B Public Water Systems, WAC 246-291.

5. Lewis County Board of Commissioners
Source: Linda Lake, Chair, Washington State Board of Health
Letter expressing thanks for allowing Chair Lake and Executive Director Sloma to participate in their local board meeting.

General Interest

1. Quality of Care for Underserved Populations Field Reports
Source: The Commonwealth Fund
As the United States becomes a more racially and ethnically diverse nation, health care systems and providers need to respond to patients' varied perspectives, values, and behaviors about health and well-being. Failure to understand and manage social and cultural differences may have significant health consequences for minority groups in particular.
For more information, visit http://www.cmwf.org/programs/minority/betancourt_culturalcompetence_576.pdf

2. Pierce County Health Services Careers Council Annual Report
Source: The Tacoma-Pierce County Workforce Development Council
The Pierce County Health Services Careers Council has collaborated in regional and statewide efforts to resolve the healthcare worker shortage, and remains committed to this systematic approach.
For more information, contact Colin Conant at (253) 594-7972

3. Tackling HIV Policy Issues: A Process and Next Steps
Source: Washington State Department of Health
In 2000, the AIDSNET Council appointed a workgroup to review and refresh the AIDS Omnibus Law. They now want feedback from the public on policy concerns.
For more information, contact John Peppert at john.peppert@doh.wa.gov

4. Reverse Washington State's Health Care Inequalities
Source: Washington Citizen Action, March 2003
When it comes to access to health care, not all things are equal. The report documents the challenges that people of color confront in accessing health coverage and the disproportionate impact of health care budget cuts on people of color.
For more information, contact Tom Vasquez at (206) 389-0050 ext. 108

5. Asthma Awareness Month and World Asthma Day, May 6, 2003
Source: Environmental Protection Agency
May 6, 2003, is World Asthma Day, a day devoted to increasing the public's awareness of the indoor and outdoor pollutants that trigger asthma problems. In the U.S. alone, approximately 15 million individuals, including 4.8 million children, suffer from asthma. In order to increase people's knowledge of the asthma epidemic, the World Health Organization and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute together with the Environmental Protection Agency and other organizations are sponsoring asthma educational events in schools, libraries, and communities around the world on May 6, as well as throughout the month of May, which is Asthma Awareness Month.
For more information, visit www.epa.gov/asthma.

6. Maintaining Medicaid and SCHIP During Difficult Budget Conditions
Source: American Academy of Pediatrics
Budget shortfalls have plagued states for the past two fiscal years and have given no indication of relenting. State Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance (SCHIP) are bracing for a difficult year.
For more information, visit www.aap.org

7. Poll Shows Washington Residents Believe Too Little is Spent on Protecting Health With Disease Prevention Research
Source: University Of Washington
A poll released April 14, indicates that nearly three-quarters of Washington state residents believe too little is spent on prevention research and that current spending should be more than doubled. Eighty-four percent would be more likely to vote for a candidate for a public office if he or she supported increased funding for research to find cures for, and to prevent, disease.
For more information, contact Walter Neary at (206) 685-3841

8. AHA Web Site Targets Racial and Ethnic Disparities

Source: American Hospital Association
The AHA added a new section to its Web site addressing how to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health care. The site notes that a melding of different racial and ethnic groups in America has created a rich cultural texture, but also has brought challenges to the health care community, with implications for every aspect of health care—workforce, management, governance and, most importantly, the patients we serve.
For more information, visit www.aha.org

Publications

1. Advances
Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Issue 1, 2003
RWJF President Details Transition New Framework for Grant Making… Mass Media Gets Masses Moving in West Virginia… Strengthening Families Across Generations… Turning End-of-Life Precepts into Practical Examples… New Awards Entice High School Teachers and Students to Explore Epidemiology… Grants
For more information, visit www.rwjf.org

2. Advocates Eye Funding Fix for Public Health
Source: Julie McCormick, Bremerton Sun, April 10, 2003
Q: What are bio-T, SARS and West Nile?

A: Bioterrorism threat, severe acute respiratory syndrome and the mosquito-borne West Nile virus. Three costly, emerging public health demands arrived unannounced and stretched already-stressed budgets right in the middle of recession and an expanding state deficit
For more information, visit www.thesunlink.com/redesign/2003-04-10/local/119026.shtml

3. American Journal of Preventive Medicine Supplement
Source: American College of Preventive Medicine
The Task Force on Community Preventive Services supported by staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), describes a public health framework for thinking about how social factors work together to affect health. They provide a list of potential interventions to address these critical social determinants of health. They provide methods for examining the effectiveness of interventions. And they provide systematically derived evidence of the effectiveness of selected intervention strategies in the areas of early childhood education, housing, and culturally competent health care. On the basis of the scientific evidence of effectiveness of the interventions, the Task Force makes recommendations about whether these interventions should be implemented. These intervention and research recommendations are an addition to the Task Force's body of work, the *Guide to Community Prevention Services*.
For more information, visit www.ajpm-online.net

4. American Journal of Public Health
Source: Volume 93 Issue 5, May 1, 2003
Poverty, race and the invisible men…Overlooked and underserved: improving the health of men of color… The health of men: structured inequalities and opportunities… Socioeconomic status and dissatisfaction with health care among chronically ill African Americans… Health policy and the coloring of an American male crisis: a perspective on community based health services…A decade of research on disparities in medical utilization: lessons for the health and health care of vulnerable men…Slowing the epidemic of tobacco use among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders…The gender gap in heart disease: lessons from Eastern Europe… Is there a gradient in life span by position in the social hierarchy…The health status of American Indian and Alaska native males… Makers of access to and quality of primary care for aboriginal people in Ontario, Canada… Siahpush and singh respond… Rurality and suicide…Geocoding public health data…Urinary tract infections and acupuncture… Reducing unhealthy behaviors: where do we start…Improving men's health: developing a long term strategy… Physical culture in Amherst college…Male prisoners and HIV prevention: a call for action ignored.
For more information, contact the Board office at (360) 236-4104

5. Can HIV Exposure Regimen Work for Outpatients?
Source: Amendnews.com, May 12, 2003
Seven years after the establishment of guidelines for HIV post exposure prophylaxis in medical settings, physicians are starting to receive some guidance for use of the regimen in the broader community. Rhode Island became the first state to release comprehensive guidelines last September.
For more information, visit http://www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/pick_03/hlsb0512.htm

6. Blood Lead Concentration and Delayed Puberty in Girls
Source: New England Journal of Medicine, April 17, 2003 Volume 348(16)
We analyzed the relations between blood lead concentration and pubertal development among girls (defined as females 8 to 18 years of age) who were enrolled in a cross-sectional study in which race was self-reported or proxy reported: 600 were non-Hispanic white, 805 were non-Hispanic African-American, and 781 were Mexican-American girls. Puberty was measured on the basis of the age at menarche and Tanner stage for public-hair and breast development.
For more information, contact the Board office at (360) 236-4110

7. Community Health Forum
Source: The National Association of Community Health Centers
Americans volunteer…Are your volunteers covered…Hospice care…The Community Health Corps…Need for volunteers… The USA Freedom Corps… Cross Cultural Outreach…AmeriCoprs…Reach out and read… The roles volunteers play in health centers…Community partnerships.
For more information, visit www.nachc.com

8. Community Report Seattle Washington, Economic Downturn and State Budget Woes Overshadow Seattle Health Care Market
Source: Center for Studying Health System Change
Seattle's current health care market stands in stark contrast to two years ago when Washington's generous public insurance programs were expanding and employers offered rich benefits to attract and retain workers in a tight labor market.
For more information, visit www.hschange.org

9. Community Report
Source: Center for Studying Health System Change
Rapidly rising health care costs continue to permeate the northern New Jersey health care market, driven largely by escalating hospital payment rates, increasing utilization of health care services and rising pharmaceutical costs. Confounding these problems is a new medical malpractice insurance crisis that has prompted physicians to seek higher payment rates from health plans to offset financial pressure from rising malpractice premiums.
For more information, visit www.hschange.org

10. Doctors Add Retainer Fees, Test Loyalty of Patients
Source: Carol Ostrom, Seattle Times, May 2, 2003
When he opened the letter from his doctor, Stuart Roos was shocked. Unless Roos paid $25 a month, the letter said, his Polyclinic doctor, Marc Cordova, wouldn't continue his care.
For more information, visit http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/healthscience/134687783_doctors02m.html

11. Exposure to Lead in Children: How Low is Low Enough?
Source: New England Journal of Medicine, April 17, 2003 Volume 348(16)
Encephalopathy in childhood due to lead poisoning was described more than 100 years ago, and cognitive sequelae after recovery were reported in 1943. During the past three decades, epidemiologic studies have demonstrated inverse associations between blood lead concentrations and children's IQs at successively lower lead concentrations.
For more information, contact the Board office at (360) 236-4110

12. Fast Food Sellers Under Fire for Helping Supersize People

Source: Victoria Stagg Elliott, AmNews.com, April 21, 2003
John F. Banzhaf III, a professor of public interest law at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., is best known for using lawsuits to make it harder to smoke, whether seeking bans on tobacco advertising on radio and television or tobacco use during most commercial air flights. Last year, he turned his attention to a new public health crusade: the factors making us fat. He is an adviser to the lawyers bringing several cases against fast-food companies for making their clients overweight and unhealthy.
For more information, contact Brigette Settles Scott at http://www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/pick_03/hlsc0421.htm

13. Governor Locke Awards Grant for Shellfish Protection
Source: Governor's Communication office
OLYMPIA - April 29, 2003 - Gov. Gary Locke has awarded a grant to the Pacific County Board of Health creating a low-interest loan program to fund shellfish protection. The Puget Sound Action Team awarded the $60,750 grant to the board on behalf of the governor.
For more information, visit www.wa.gov/puget_sound/Programs/Programs.htm

14. Laws Not Up To SARS Epidemic
Source: Ceci Connolly, Washington Post, April 26, 2003
With the spread of the highly contagious SARS virus from Asia to Toronto, federal officials here say this nation's patchwork of public health laws, many 100 years old and possibly unconstitutional, has left the United States ill-prepared to handle a major epidemic. Though there are just 41 probable cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in the United States, experiences in Beijing and Toronto illustrate the urgent need for clear laws that protect public health and personal liberties, advocates of comprehensive legal change say.
For more information, visit http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A394362003Apr25.html

15. Health Chief Is a Doctor Comfortable With Orders
Source: Richard Perez-Pena, New York Times, April 30, 2003
In early April, officials at a hospital in New York City told the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that they were treating a foreign tourist with SARS symptoms who was refusing to remain isolated for 10 days to avoid spreading the disease. Department officials, in turn, immediately notified Commissioner Thomas R. Frieden. It was, Dr. Frieden acknowledges, a borderline case. The man's symptoms were not severe, and he had spent just a few hours in Hong Kong between flights. Even so, after a round of meetings, Dr. Frieden ordered the man detained in the hospital against his will. Department lawyers prepared to go to court in case the man contested the order, which he did not. A guard was posted outside his room.
For more information, visit http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/30/nyregion/30FRIE.html

16. High Court Punches Another Hole in the Federal Law Shielding HMOs
Source: Tanya Labert, Amednews.com, April 21, 2003
For the third time in four years, the US Supreme Court has ruled that federal law doesn't automatically safeguard health plans from state insurance laws that might offer protection to physicians and patients, and this time the justices said it unanimously.
For more information, visit www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/pick_03/gv110421.htm

17. Intellectual Impaired Children with Blood Lead Concentrations Below 10 Microg Per Deciliter
Source: New England Journal of Medicine, April 17, 2003 Volume 348(16)
Despite dramatic declines in children's blood lead concentrations and lowering the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's level of concern to 10 microg per deciliter, little is known about children's neurobehavioral functioning at lead concentrations below this level.
For more information, contact the Board office at (360) 236-4110

18. The Local Food Environment and Health: Some Reflections From the United Kingdom
Source: Steven Cummins, American Journal of Public Health, Volume 93 April 2003
This article suggests that the absence of a neighborhood supermarket is associated with poor adherence to healthy eating patterns compared with those in neighborhoods with one or more supermarkets. The article also suggests that this relationship is particularly pronounced in Black neighborhoods.
For more information, contact the Board office at (360) 236-4110

19. HIV Impact
Source: US Department of Health and Human Services, January/February 2003
Dangerous STD Trends…Peer-Based Outreach… Minorities and Clinical Trials… Nutrition and HIV… HIV Prevention and Hispanics… AIDS in Rural America… Children & Medication… HIV in the Workplace… Organizations… Resources…HHS News Briefs… Conferences
For more information, contact Brigette Settles Scott at bscott@omhrc.gov

20. Self-Reported Asthma Prevalence and Control Among Adults – United States, 2001
Source: Morbidity And Morality Weekly Report (MMWR) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, May 2, 2003, Vol. 52, No. 17
Asthma has been increasing in prevalence in the in the United States since 1980. In 2000, asthma accounted for 4,487 deaths, approximately 465,000 hospitalizations, an estimated 1.8 million emergency department visits, and approximately 10.4 million physician office visits among persons of all ages.
For more information, contact the Board office at (360) 236-4110

21. Olympia Schools Continue to Focus on Nutritious Food
Source: Wendy Culverwell, The Olympian, April 29, 2003
Adolescents have little trouble indulging their taste for junk food during school hours, but the choices are narrowing in Olympia schools. The Olympia School Board had a special study session on the topic Monday night and pledged to keep talking about ways to improve school menu items and reduce the amount of snack foods available on campuses.
For more information, visit http://www.theolympian.com/home/news/20030429/frontpage/52872.shtml

22. Overweight, Obesity And Mortality From Cancer in a Prospectively Studied Cohort of U.S. Adults
Source: The New England Journal of Medicine, Volume 348(17)
In a prospectively studied population of more than 900,000 U.S. adults (404,576 men and 495,477 women) who were free of cancer at enrollment in 1982, there were 57,145 deaths from cancer during 16 years of follow-up. They examined the relation in men and women between the body-mass index in 1982 and the risk of death from all cancers and from cancers at individual sites, while controlling for other risk factors in multivariate proportional-hazards models.
For more information, contact the Board Office at (360) 236-4110

23. Red Tide Bloom Follows Population Bloom
Source: Lisa Stiffler, Seattle Post Intelligencer, April 14, 2003
Blooms of algae that taint shellfish, endangering the people who eat them, are increasing around Puget Sound -- mirroring the swelling number of residents. For the first time, researchers have drawn a correlation between population growth and the blossoming aquatic scourge known as "red tides."
For more information, visit http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/117413_redtide14.html

24. Shellfish Plight Spurs Cleanup
Source: John Dodge, The Olympian, April 11, 2003
A new community-based tool to build support for fixing water quality problems in Henderson Inlet is about to be unveiled. More than 12 acres of private and public tidelands have been donated for use as a community shellfish farm in the lower inlet north of Lacey.
For more information, visit http://www.theolympian.com/home/news/20030411/southsound/40644.shtml

25. Shape Up or Ship Out

Source: Julia Sommerfeld, Seattle Times, April 14, 2003
Twice a week, Petty Officer Jimmy Miller breaks from his duty of surveilling the Pacific Ocean for enemy submarines to attend an aerobics class. The naval sonar technician isn't shirking his wartime responsibilities; he's just following orders. At 250 pounds, the 5-feet-10-inch sailor has been commanded to shape up or ship out.
For more information, visit http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/healthscience/134673839_chubbysailors140.html

26. Smallpox Vaccine: Easing Fears On Inoculations
Source: Amednews.com, May 12, 2003
When President Bush announced his smallpox vaccination plan last December, the public expected to hear a collective "Ouch!" as hundreds of thousands of health care workers rolled up sleeves and got pricked in the interest of national security. Instead, the program began with a whimper.
For more information, visit http://www.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/amnews/amn_03/edsa0512.htm

27. Sharing the Excitement of Science
Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, April 2003
PNNL Director meets with UW Leadership… Hydrogen Production and Northwest Transportation…Powering the Electronic Soldier of the Future… Oregon State University Honors PNNL Scientists… Affordable Fuel Cells Discussed in Seattle Meeting… PNNL Author Chronicles Hanford Site History
For more information, contact PNNL at (888) 375-6550 or visit www.pnl.gov

28. State Health Notes
Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, April 10, 2003
Cover Story – The issue of medical malpractice liability is back on the front burner but just how serious the problem is and what legislators can do to fix it are matters of serious debate. Two Missouri policy makers – the chief of the Insurance Department and a key House committee chairman – shed light on the debates complexities.
Highlights – Prescription drug safety regs… $3 million grant for HI Rx drug program… CT suit over "inflated" drug costs…CT SCHIP cutbacks… Progress report on SCHIP… NM emergency contraception bill… Emergency preparedness report… MI views on obesity… Impaired driver laws in VA… KY problem gambling resolution…Survey on in home care…Ten state report on family caregiver needs.
Tracking Trends – With childhood obesity reaching epidemic proportions, lawmakers are searching for solutions. Among them: promote physical activity education.
FYI – Unintentional injuries are the top cause of death for youth between ages 1 and 21, and gun violence is a major factor. In Philadelphia, kids in the Camera Club are being urged to shoot – pictures, not firearms.
For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

29. State Health Notes
Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, April 24, 2003
Cover Story – America's long-term care system has long had an "institutional bias," despite the public's preference for care at home. To meet the demand and produce savings for Medicaid in the bargain, states are experimenting with "consumer-directed care."
Focus On – Months after the 9-11 terrorist attacks, the psychological stress lingers. Sketches of programs trying to address the mental health needs of children affected by the violence.
Highlights – OK emergency Medicaid funds… Medicare Rx benefit savings… KY any willing provider law ruling… Physician income report… Change in smallpox rules… NY smoking ban… MT smoking ban study… Back pain study… MI Rx preferred drug list… MD medical marijuana law… Blueprint for the homeless.
Tracking Trends – To gain control over the growing part of their Medicaid budgets, more and more states are using preferred prescription drug lists.
FYI – The "Seamless Summer Food Waiver" issued by USDA in 2001, encourages school lunch sponsors to keep providing children with meals after school's out for the year.
For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

30. State Health Notes
Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, May 5, 2003

Cover Story – New York Governor George Pataki's budget proposal looks to close an $11.5 billion budget gap without raising taxes. With Medicaid high on the "hit lists" legislators are trying to find money to protect patient care and keep peace with providers.
Highlights – CO immigrant benefits… MN abortion waiting period… MI & RI use new federal rule to provide services to pregnant women.
FYI – As part of Florida Governor Jeb Bush's Mentoring Initiative, a group of Medicaid workers in the Tampa area is devoting time to help at-risk kids.

Public Health News

Feature Story – Faced with massive deficits, states may have to think in new ways about the financing and delivery of health and human services. That will mean moving from the 'silo mentality' of categorical funding toward integration of funding streams, programs.
Health Talk – NCSL President and Oklahoma Senator Angela Monson talks about ways to make the health and human services system more family friendly.
Vital Signs – A look at five strategies for state and local governments to use to fund child and family initiatives.
For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.

31. Students in a Fog
Source: Richard Rothstein, New York Times, April 25, 2003
Federal law now demands that schools close the achievement gap between middle-class children and those from low-income or minority families. But all the money, teacher education and standardized tests in the world aren't going to help if students are at home sick or falling asleep in class.
For more information, visit
http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/25/opinion/25ROTH.html?ex=1052288463&ei=1&en=81f794c6c3994b56

32. Trips to Asia Trigger SARS Jitters: Travelers Find Co-Workers, Friends Edgy
Source: Carol Ostrom, Seattle Times, April 6, 2003
Co-workers and friends didn't tell Alan Lowe directly they were worried about his return to work as mayor of Victoria, B.C., after his two-week trip to China. But when his family landed in Vancouver a week ago, and best friends showed up wearing surgical masks, he said, that was a clue.
For more information, visit http://archives.seattletimes.nwsource.com/cgi-bin/texis.cgi/web/vortex/display?slug=quarantine06m&date=20030406&query=Carol+Ostrom

33. Universal Health care in California Carries a Hefty Price Tag
Source: Amednews.com, May 12, 2003
California officials, searching for ways to cover millions of medically uninsured residents while wrestling with a state budget crisis, received an estimate in April of how much one approach to universal care would cost: $7.8 billion a year. The plan, proposed last year by Blue Shield of California chief executive Bruce Bodaken, would be paid for by businesses, the state government and individuals, a study said, with additional financing from hikes in the state sales tax or income tax.
For more information, visit http://www.amednews.com/content/pick_03/bisd0512.htm

34. U.S. Food Safety Standards Should Be More Clearly Linked to Public Health Outcomes
Source: Christine Stencel, National Academies, April 24, 2003
Federal and state food safety criteria, cobbled together over decades by various agencies in response to different problems and concerns, need to be clearly linked to specific public health goals and should be established using the latest scientific tools and methodologies, says a new report from the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council of the National Academies.
For more information, visit www.nap.edu

35. Washington Business
Source: Association of Washington Business, Spring 2003

The Story Behind POG… Charting Washington's Economy… Municipal Tax Fairness – Washington's Tea Party… M&E Tax Credit: RX for Sore Tax Thumb… Tax Study: Why Aren't We Allowed to Debate… Quality of Life – Starts With a Good Job
For more information, visit www.awb.org

36. Washington Health Connection
Source: Washington Health Foundation, Spring 2003
Foundation and Partners Take Aim at Major Health System Change…Details on Upcoming Health Communities' Symposium and Pacific Northwest Physician Hospital Relations Conference… A Project Access: A Win-Win Outcome for the Uninsured and Those Who Treat Them… Rural Health Photo Contest Winners Announced.
For more information, visit www.whf.org

37. West Nile Virus Newsletter
Source: Washington State Department of Health, April 23, 2003
In this issue: Threat level… Wetland Questions… Local Surveillance Efforts Expand…Web Page… Technical Tips… Media Releases… Community Comments… New Faces
For more information, contact Jill Christensen at (360) 236-3000

38. WSMA Reports
Source: Washington State Medical Association, April 2003
New Web health resource for parents and their babies… Save the date – WSMA Annual Meeting September 19-21… Is your private patient data secure? Maybe not…JACHO to shift to unannounced surveys by 2006… Poll shows patients trust physicians more than lawyers, legislators, judges and journalists… What's okay, what's not with durable medical equipment… Mega tort judgments against companies threaten to break the bank.
For more information, visit www.wsma.org

Local Board of Health Meeting Minutes

1. Adams County Local Board of Health
Source: Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2003 in Othello, Washington
Meeting Contents:

- Warrants were distributed for signature
- Chairman Rudy Plager updated the board on the proposed legislation for health district/department funding from property taxes
- The environmental fee schedule was distributed for review to establish the $500 cap designations.
- Chairman Plager led the continuing discussion of pros and cons of being either a health district or a health department.
- Chairman Plager distributed the new application for soil certification.

2. Jefferson County Local Board of Health
Source: Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2003
Meeting Contents:
Community Health Assessment Update

- Jefferson County's population is significantly older than that of Washington State
- Age composition of places within the County are different
- Poverty Rates in Jefferson County in 1999 were generally higher than in the state
- The universe of people in poverty consists of three segments
    1. Children ages 0-17
    2. People age 18-64
    3. People age 65+
- Poverty rates among children are higher in Jefferson county than in Washington State

- Jefferson County mothers are significantly more likely to be unmarried
- Adults in Jefferson County households that included children younger than 18 reported higher rates of health risk behaviors than did adults in households that did not have children
- Poverty rates are higher among people age 18-34
- People age 18-34 have lower rates of health care access
- Poverty rates in Jefferson County among people 65-74 are lower than they are in the state
- Health care access indicators are better among people age 65+ than the County average
- Poverty rates in Jefferson County probably underestimate need
- Disability rates for County residents (male and female) age 65-74 and men 75+ are lower than they are in the state.

Legal Opinion Regarding O&M Inspection on Private Property

Positions Available in the Public Health Field

1. Public Health Nurse II, Child Care Health Promotion Coordinator
Source: Kittitas County
Salary/Wages $2,063-$2,728 per month
Project Position, Part time (28 hours per week)
Send completed applications to:
Human Resources Office
Kittitas County Courthouse
Room 107
Ellensburg, WA 99028
General Duties:

- Create bimonthly newsletter
- Coordination/Instruction of CPR/First Aid classes
- Develop and coordinate intervention strategies for children and families
- Other Duties Not Listed

2. Resource Protection Program Manager II
Source: Clark County
Salary/Wages $4,787 - $6,766/month
Permanent/Full Time
Send completed applications to:
Clark County Human Resources Department
1300 Franklin Street – 5th Floor
Post Office Box 5000
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000
Duties Include:

- Development of Program Objectives
- Development of Budgetary Estimates
- Monitoring Revenues and Expenditures
- Other Duties Not Listed

3. Consumer Protection Program Manager II
Source: Clark County
Salary/Wages $4,787 - $6,766/month
Permanent/Full Time
Send completed applications to:
Clark County Human Resources Department
1300 Franklin Street – 5th Floor

Post Office Box 5000
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Duties Include:

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