

DATE: March 14, 2012

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Dr. Diana Yu

SUBJECT: BRIEFING – COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION GRANT

Background and Summary:

In 2011, the Department of Health received more than \$3 million for a Community Transformation Grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the Affordable Care Act. The purpose of this funding is to reduce death and disability from tobacco use, obesity, heart disease and stroke, and cancer through a comprehensive statewide approach. Washington will accomplish this by making statewide and local policy, environmental, programmatic, and infrastructure changes. These changes will address four priority areas: tobacco-free living, active living and healthy eating, healthy and safe physical environments, and quality clinical preventive services.

The Community Transformation Grant has numerous tie-ins with our 2009 Five-Year Strategic Plan. Examples include goal four, which is to encourage healthy behaviors (specifically objectives 4.1 and 4.2, which are to improve nutrition and increase physical activity, and reduce use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs).

I have invited Sue Grinnell, director of Office of Healthy Communities in Department of Health, to present the Community Transformation model today. She will explain how it ties to the National Prevention Strategy, describe the infrastructure and strategies, and the priorities for year one.

Recommended Board Action:

No action recommended.

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