



**DATE:** November 13, 2013

**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**FROM:** Dr. James Sledge, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THE ORAL HEALTH OF WASHINGTON RESIDENTS

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**Background and Summary:**

At our March 2013 Board meeting members approved the implementation plan for an Oral Health Project. The goal of the project was to create a set of strategies to improve the oral health of Washington state residents for the Board's review and approval.

Five steps were outlined in the project plan:

- Review nationally recognized strategic approaches to improving oral health
- Adapt best strategic approaches to Washington state
- Discuss strategies with state experts and key informants
- Hold a consultation session with an Expert Oral Health Advisory Group to make recommendations to the Board
- Present Expert Oral Health Advisory Group's recommendations on their preferred approach to improve the oral health of Washington state residents to the Board for potential endorsement

We've made good progress and are now at the last step. Today, the Board will have an opportunity to review and consider endorsing the *Recommended Strategies to Improve the Oral Health of Washington Residents*.

**Recommended Board Action:**

The Board may wish to consider the following motion:

*The Board endorses Recommended Strategies to Improve the Oral Health of Washington Residents as submitted on November 13, 2013.*

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