



DATE: June 11, 2014

TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Michelle Davis, Executive Director

SUBJECT: DRAFT STATE HEALTH REPORT

Background and Summary:

RCW 43.20.100 requires the Washington State Board of Health to develop a “State Health Report” by July 1 of each even-numbered year. The report includes “suggestions for public health priorities for the following biennium and such legislative action as it deems necessary.” For the 2012 State Health Report, the Board asked state agencies involved in health issues, particularly those whose authorities and policy priorities intersect with the Board’s, to contribute essays about their work to improve the public’s health.

The 2014 report focuses on key initiatives that will improve the health of Washington state residents and promote health equity. These initiatives include the Board’s Recommended Strategies to Improve Oral Health in Washington, and the Governor’s Interagency Council on Health Disparities recommendations to improve language access. This year’s report also highlights the Board’s work to assess the impact of potential legislative or budgetary proposal through the Health Impact Review process. I am asking the Board to approve a motion to finalize the State Health Report.

Recommended Board Action:

The Board directs staff to develop a final 2014 State Health Report in close consultation with the Chair. The Chair is authorized to approve a final report for transmittal to the Governor by June 30, 2014.

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