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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Michelle Davis
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SUBJECT: OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT TRAINING

Background and Summary:

RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), requires public agencies such as the Board to conduct meetings in a manner that is open to the public. All Board members receive a description of the law's requirements as part of the Governor's *Boards and Commissions Membership Handbook*. During the 2014 legislative session, the Legislature amended the OPMA. One of the new requirements is that all members of governing bodies must receive training about this law at least once every four years.

Today Lilia Lopez, the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Board, will share a brief training on the Act. She will provide some background, identify the types of meetings and actions that are subject to the Act, and respond to any questions Board members may have.

Recommended Board Action: None