

2015 Legislative Agenda

Adopted November 2014

POLICY

Encouraging the Safe Practice of Public Health Nurses Dispensing Certain Medications

Goal of the Legislation:

- To affirm and codify the safe practice of public health nurses dispensing certain drugs
- To promote the efficient and consistent use of public health resources statewide
- Assure rapid and timely public health response to health threats

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Resolution

Goal of the Resolution:

- To provide education and elevate awareness, at the legislative level, around the issue of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
- To serve as a tool to support other ACEs/early intervention efforts

POLICY & BUDGET

E-Cigarette Legislation

Goal of the Legislation:

- To regulate the marketing and sales of e-cigarettes and vaping products in Washington State
- Create a license fee and tax structure for e-cigarettes and vaping products

***WSALPHO strongly supports that a portion of any revenue generated as a result of taxing e-cigarettes and vaping products be reinvested into Washington State's local public health system.

Onsite Septic Management Programs

Goal of the Legislation:

- Ensure adequate funding and resources for the 12 Puget Sound Counties to maintain adequate onsite septic programs
 - Details:
 - Specifies that local boards of health shall collect a minimum charge of 30 per on-site sewage system. (Previous version allowed local boards to consider less or more.)
 - Local boards of health "may" contract with county treasurers to collect the fee on the property tax statement (Previous version was "shall")
 - Directs SBOH to adopt rules for minimum on-site sewage program requirements
 - Authorizes DOH and counties to consult with Ecology on creating a low-interest loan program using Ecology revolving funds

BUDGET

Public Health Assistance Account

- Maintain current funding levels for the Public Health Assistance Account ("Public Health Block Grant")

DOH Request for Reinvestment in Communicable Disease Funding

- Strongly support the DOH request for the State to made additional investments in State and local communicable disease work

Support Reinvestment in the Local Public Health System from New Sources

- E-cigarettes and vaping products
- Marijuana
- Other