



**DATE:** April 8, 2015

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

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

**SUBJECT:** BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ORAL HEALTH WORKSHOP REPORT

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### **Background and Summary:**

On November 13, 2013, the Washington State Board of Health approved the *Recommended Strategies to Improve the Oral Health of Washington Residents*; a set of seven strategies to improve the oral health of Washington state residents. The Board's intention was to provide leadership on public health policies that focus on oral health promotion, prevention, early intervention and treatment.

In the summer of 2014, the State Board of Health convened a group of representatives from various state agencies and the Dental Services Foundation. The purpose of the Oral Health Workshop was to bring together representatives from various Washington state agencies to:

- Identify agency activities, that align with the Board's seven oral health strategies;
- Increase awareness of aligned agency activities;
- Understand the factors that advance these strategies and those that may pose challenges; and
- Draw on the expertise of participants to brainstorm recommendations that may align with the strategies for further actions to improve oral health.

Today you will have a chance to review a report of the workshop results.

### **Recommended Board Action:**

*Motion: The Board approves and accepts the report titled "Oral Health in the State of Washington: An Overview of Agency Activities."*

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