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TO: Washington State Board of Health

FROM: Steven Kutz, Board Member

SUBJECT: UPDATE: GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

Background and Summary:

Reducing health disparities has been a longstanding goal in the Board's strategic plan and the primary strategy to achieve that goal has been to provide support for the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities.

Since 2006, the Council has advised the Governor, Legislature, and state agencies on actions to reduce health disparities, primarily by race/ethnicity and gender. To accomplish its work, it identifies priorities and convenes advisory committees to assist with developing policy recommendations. The recommendations are submitted to the Governor and Legislature twice a year in the Council's statutorily required written updates.

Today, Council staff will provide a broad overview of the Council, give an update on past and current recommendations, highlight areas where the Council's recommendations are being implemented, and share information on the Council's federal grant from the Office of Minority Health.

Recommended Board Action:

None

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