



DATE: April 13, 2016
TO: Washington State Board of Health
FROM: Steven Kutz, Board Member
SUBJECT: HEALTH DISPARITIES COUNCIL UPDATE

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.

As a reminder, the Council advises the Governor, Legislature, and state agencies on recommendations to reduce health disparities, primarily by race/ethnicity and gender. Council staff provided a briefing to the Board last August. That presentation provided a broad overview of the Council, gave an update on past and current recommendations, highlighted areas where the Council's recommendations were being implemented, and shared information on the Council's federal grant from the Office of Minority Health.

Today, staff will report on additional recommendations approved by the Council since the last update, the Council's work to promote equity in state government, and its review by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee.

Recommended Board Action:

None

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