



Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities

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Presentation Overview

- ▶ Council Background
- ▶ Recent Recommendations
- ▶ Equity in State Government
- ▶ JLARC Review

Council Background

- ▶ 10 year anniversary
- ▶ Interagency in structure – 17 members
- ▶ Advisory in nature
- ▶ Develops recommendations to eliminate health disparities by race/ethnicity and gender

Adverse Birth Outcomes



Rec 1: Doula Care

- ▶ Provide Medicaid reimbursement for doulas as Community Health Workers or Community Health Representatives.
- ▶ Allow reimbursement for prenatal, birth, and postnatal care.
- ▶ Ensure doulas meet specified criteria.
- ▶ Contract with Tribal or Urban Indian Organizations or community-based doula programs.
- ▶ Explore options for capacity development.

Rec 2: Support AIHC Plan

- ▶ Support recommendations outlined in the American Indian Health Commission's Maternal-Infant Health Strategic Plan.

Equity in State Government



Equity Workplan

Compile and share tools and resources

- E.g., cultural humility trainings

Provide technical assistance

- E.g., RFP development and grant reviews

Facilitate collaboration

- E.g., convene interagency equity workgroup

Develop recommendations

- E.g., statewide equity policy

10 Year Anniversary

- ▶ Senator Franklin
- ▶ Community Forums
 - Wenatchee, May 11, 2016
 - Tacoma (tentative), September 2016
- ▶ Successes and Lessons Learned

JLARC Review

Compliance
with
legislative
intent?

Operating in
efficient and
economical
manner?

Reaching
expected
performance
goals and
targets?

Undertaking
activities
duplicated
by another
agency?

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