



STATE OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Resolution 11-02

WHEREAS the State Constitution established the Washington State Board of Health in 1889;

WHEREAS the Board provides a forum for developing public health policy in Washington State and is empowered to hold hearings, adopt rules to protect public health, and explore ways to improve the health status of the citizenry;

WHEREAS Craig McLaughlin was hired in January of 2001 as the Senior Health Policy Manager for the Board and, after a national recruitment effort and a grueling series of interviews, was chosen as the best candidate to serve as Executive Director of the Washington State Board of Health in October of 2004;

WHEREAS Mr. McLaughlin has consistently, expertly, and with impressive efficiency, provided leadership on projects of vital interest to the Board including the influential Mental Health Transformation Grant report, a series of highly articulate State Health Reports, an update of the School Environmental Health & Safety Rules; and with impressive efficiency helped Washington to develop one of the nation's first updated Isolation and Quarantine Codes to deal with the potential threats of bioterrorism and global infectious disease outbreaks;

WHEREAS Mr. McLaughlin has modeled a strong sense of purpose, clarity, professionalism and determination, adapting well to the shifting sands of a continually rotating Board;

WHEREAS Mr. McLaughlin has demonstrated his personal commitment to health equity by incorporating the reduction of health disparities as a goal in the Board's strategic plan, by engaging staff in a year-long cultural competency training, by actively supporting the health impact review process, and by serving as a true champion for the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities;

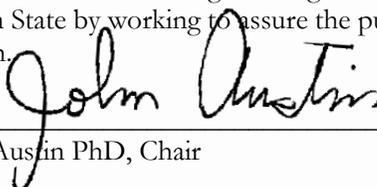
WHEREAS Mr. McLaughlin has fostered free communication with state, local, and non-governmental organizations while championing the interests of the Board;

WHEREAS Mr. McLaughlin has demonstrated an uncompromising commitment for advancing public health principles in the face of significant opposition, successfully crafting an impressive series of Board of Health Rules while working deftly with stakeholders, navigating treacherous political waters, and keeping attention focused on the overriding public health issues;

WHEREAS Mr. McLaughlin has assembled an effective and efficient team of skilled professionals who have expertly provided all the background work needed by Board members, and has inspired the staff with his supportive supervision, comprehension of diverse issues, lawyer-like deductive reasoning, and writing prowess;

WHEREAS Mr. McLaughlin has patiently offered guidance to the appointed members of the Board and offered good counsel as they have addressed the multiple challenges to the public health of the State, and he has taken the hits and bore the arrows of disgruntled legislators and the public, thus covering both the back and the front of the board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes and thanks Craig McLaughlin for his years of dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of Washington State by working to assure the public's health through his leadership of the Washington State Board of Health.


John Austin PhD, Chair