

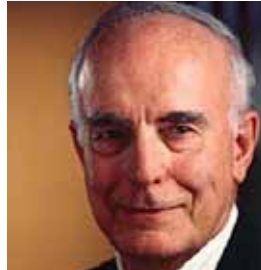
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

125 Years of Public Health

1903
Quarantine Authority Expanded



1970
DSHS Established



1989
2nd Department of Health



2009
Reporting Change

1901
Enforcement Authority Granted

1904
State Health Lab Founded

1921
1st Department of Health Established

1993
Health Reform Act of 1993

2006
Tribal Representation and Health Impact Reviews



1965
Code Reviser

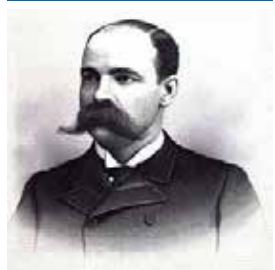
1984
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Health Disparities Council



1891
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1893
No Enforcement of Public Health Rules



1918-1919
The Great Pandemic



1889
State Constitution Ratified

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1889

The Constitution was ratified by the people at an election held on October 1, 1889. Article XX, Section 1 established the Washington State Board of Health.

1891

The State Legislature created the State Board of Health structure on March 7, 1891 to cover vital statistics and some sanitation. The sanitation rules were limited and the State Board of Health had no enforcement authority.

1893

The State Board of Health had 19 general rules, two special immigration rules, four rules for the transportation of dead bodies, all without enforcement authority.

1901

The State Legislature passed laws granting clear authority for sanitation and enforcement. Quarantine and contagious disease authority limited only to codified cities.

1903

Quarantine and contagious disease authority expanded statewide. Diseases of concern included tuberculosis, small pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever, and the plague.

1904

The State Board of Health established the bacteriological laboratory to help local health boards diagnose outbreaks. The lab cost \$3,000.

1918-1919

The Great Pandemic hit Seattle. Short of imposing an official statewide quarantine, the State closed schools and barred public gatherings.

1921

1921 c 7 §56, part; RRS § 10814 created the first Washington State Department of Health, with the State Board of Health as the managing body of the Department.

1965

The current code reviser system was established. The State Board of Health was codified under chapter 43.20 RCW

1970

The Department of Social and Health Services created to unify services combining the Departments of Health, Corrections, Public Assistance, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

1984

Board membership is expanded to include two elected officials who serve on local boards of health, a local health officer, and an additional consumer member.

1989

The State Legislature passes Senate Bill 6152, which creates a new, independent Washington State Department of Health. The Department is tasked with providing technical staff support as needed for the Board to carry out its work.

1993

Cities are removed from the statutory responsibility of providing public health service. Authority is moved to the county level.

2006

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities is created. The Board is tasked with staffing and helping convene the Council.

2006

State Board of Health membership was amended to define one member with health and sanitation experience as an official who is a member of a federally recognized tribe. The Board is authorized to conduct Health Impact Reviews in consultation with the Council.

2009

The State Board of Health changes from annual report to biennial.