

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

## HEALTH PROMOTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

**What:** Health Promotion Committee

**When:** September 21, 2021

**Participating via Zoom:** Board members Dr. Tom Pendergrass, Dr. Bob Lutz, Stephen Kutz, and Temple Lentz; Board staff Sam Pskowski, Kaitlyn Donahoe, Michelle Davis, and Melanie Hisaw; Department of Health staff Alexandra Montaña, LinhPhụng Huỳnh, Rebecca White, Sarah Keefe, John Thompson, Karin Neidt, Michael Ellsworth, and Ashley Noble.

### **Summary Notes:**

#### **Rulemaking Update: Communicable and Certain Other Diseases, Chapter 246-100 WAC**

- Ms. Donahoe provided a brief update of rulemaking activities that occurred since the Board's August meeting, including further revisions and publication of the draft rules for a second informal public comment period, further consultation with interested parties, cost survey of certain regulated entities, and staff's work on the Significant Analysis for the proposed rules. She said that staff anticipate filing the CR-102, Proposed Rules, with the code reviser in early October in anticipation of a public rules hearing at the Board's November meeting.

#### **Rulemaking Update: Local Board of Health Composition, Chapter 246-90 WAC**

- Ms. Pskowski and Ms. Donahoe shared an update on rulemaking progress since the July Health Promotion Committee meeting, including consultation with the Washington Association of Local Public Health Officials and the Washington State Association of Counties on preliminary rule language, recruitment and hiring of a Community Engagement Coordinator to help with this work, and the anticipated rulemaking timeline. She said that staff will provide an update to the Board on this work at the October meeting with an anticipated public rules hearing at the Board's April 2022 meeting.

#### **Update: Newborn Screening, Chapter 246-650 WAC**

- Ms. Pskowski provided a brief background of Board action and activities related to convening the Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency (OTCD) technical advisory committee (TAC). John Thompson provided an overview of OTCD and

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the recommendations made by the TAC after two public meetings of interdisciplinary subject matter experts and stakeholders.

- Member Kutz, Mr. Thompson, and Vice Chair Pendergrass discussed the available screening technology for neonatal cases of OTCD compared to childhood cases.
- Members discussed the number of cases requiring liver transplant and impacts on the transplant environment.
- Member Kutz asked if the sample for testing is based on a blood spot; Mr. Thompson clarified that the screening would utilize the dried blood spot.
- Member Lutz asked whether carrier screening is available for parents; Mr. Thompson said that OTCD is starting to be included in some prenatal panels, however not all women receive prenatal care or the type of prenatal screening that would include OTCD.
- Vice Chair Pendergrass, Member Kutz, and Mr. Thompson discussed the potential costs of adding OTCD to the newborn screening panel.
- Ms. Pskowski discussed the initial request of the Board to create a targeted screening for congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) and direction to staff to provide the Board information for consideration of a cCMV TAC. Karin Neidt and Mr. Thompson provided background on cCMV, the two different approaches for screening, and treatment for cCMV.
  - Member Kutz asked whether non-congenital cytomegalovirus has the same impacts on the child as cCMV hearing loss; Ms. Neidt said no, it is understood that non-congenital CMV does not have the same effects. Member Kutz also asked for clarification on the secondary hearing test for newborns and the sensitivity of the two types of screening.
  - Vice Chair Pendergrass discussed the prevalence of babies that contract CMV in the first year of life, and the importance of early screening for congenital CMV.
- Committee members and Ms. Pskowski discussed the intersection of the Board's Newborn Screening and Prenatal Testing rules.

### **Committee Member Comments, Questions, Next Steps**

- Vice Chair Pendergrass discussed potential issues that the Committee may encounter over the next few years, such as influenza rates and vaccine completion rates in the last 18 months across the state, children attending in-person school instruction, and inadequate HVAC systems.
- Member Kutz also discussed interest in HVAC system impacts on school environmental health and safety and asked what data is being collected on that front.
- Executive Director Davis mentioned recent media attention on HVAC systems as well as ongoing conversations regarding the Board's school environmental health and safety rules with Department of Health, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and others.

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