

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

## HEALTH PROMOTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

**What:** Health Promotion Committee

**When:** July 22, 2021

**Participating via Zoom:** Board members Dr. Tom Pendergrass, Stephen Kutz, and Temple Lentz; Board staff Sam Pskowski, Kaitlyn Donahoe, Cait Lang-Perez, Michelle Davis, and Kelie Kahler; Department of Health staff Alexandra Montaña, LinhPhụng Huỳnh, and Sierra Rotakhina; and four members of the public.

### **Summary Notes:**

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

- Ms. Pskowski and Ms. Donahoe provided a brief overview of the history of this rulemaking project, detailed information regarding proposed changes to the rule, and discussed the feedback received from state and local health, as well as community partners. They shared the anticipated timeline for the remainder of this rulemaking project and immediate next steps.
- Committee Chair Pendergrass asked about other bodily fluids being considered under the definition of a blood-borne pathogen. He cautioned that definition changes can be challenging to make applicable throughout the chapter.
- Member Kutz asked whether staff have received feedback or concerns related to the 7-day window in which notification from a local jail facility must occur so that a local health officer can assess whether blood-borne pathogen testing should occur. He said that there is a 12-hour window to initiate pre-exposure prophylaxis for individuals who think they are at high risk for exposure to a blood-borne pathogen; however, there are side-effects associated with these medications.

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

- Ms. Pskowski and Ms. Donahoe provided a description of the legislative background for this new rulemaking, discussed the scope of the Board's rulemaking authority, and provided an overview of the anticipated timeline. They noted the Board is required by statute to adopt rules by July 25, 2022.
- Committee Chair Pendergrass asked for clarification regarding the non-elected members of local boards of health who have lived experience. He also encouraged staff to distribute a straw version of the draft rules earlier rather than later to solicit feedback from the community and other partners.

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**Rulemaking Update, Notifiable Conditions, Chapter 246-101 WAC**

- Ms. Donahoe shared information on three separate pieces of work that are ongoing regarding notifiable conditions. She discussed the emergency rules, interpretative statement, and upcoming permanent rulemaking.
- Member Kutz asked about the steps taken by local public health after an outbreak of COVID-19 at large group gatherings, and whether the emergency rules address public health response to these scenarios.
- Committee Chair Pendergrass asked for clarification on the upcoming permanent rulemaking.

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