

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

HEALTH PROMOTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

What: Health Promotion Committee

When: December 9, 2021

Participating via Zoom: Board members Dr. Thomas Pendergrass, Stephen Kutz, Temple Lentz, Dr. Bob Lutz, and Fran Bessermin; Board staff Sam Pskowski, Hannah Haag, Michelle Davis, and Kelie Kahler; Department of Health staff Tami Thompson, LinhPhụng Huỳnh, and Michael Ellsworth.

Summary Notes:

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

- Ms. Huỳnh reminded committee members of the legislation prompting rule revision for this chapter (Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1551, passed during the 2020 legislative session). Ms. Pskowski provided a summary of the current rule and background on this rulemaking project. Staff shared an overview of activities since the Board's November meeting, including two community listening sessions. Ms. Pskowski discussed themes of comments received thus far and noted that staff anticipate bringing recommended revisions to the proposed rule to the Board at its January meeting.
 - Member Lutz commended staff for spending the time to hear additional concerns from community and noted he attended the recent listening session.

Rulemaking Update: Local Board of Health Composition, chapter 246-90

- Ms. Pskowski informed committee members of the current status of this rule work and shared themes from comments received on the informal draft circulated in October and November. Ms. Haag provided an overview of community outreach work conducted on this work, including a listening session and targeted outreach. Ms. Pskowski shared the anticipated timeline for this work and noted that a new informal draft will be available for comment soon.
 - Member Bessermin thanked staff for their work on this item and the update.

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Update: Preparations for technical advisory group to consider COVID-19 for inclusion in chapter 246-105 WAC

- Ms. Pskowski provided updates to committee members on the technical advisory group preparation work. She noted that staff are working to gather the information needed for the Board's nine established criteria and that the co-chairs have been identified. She shared that the Board has entered into a contract for an independent facilitator for future meetings. Member Pendergrass shared that he is working as the co-chair with Dr. Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, the Department of Health's Chief Science Officer and that the co-chairs have approved membership positions and updates on a possible timeline. Ms. Pskowski shared that she anticipates providing additional updates to the Board at their January meeting.

Staff Updates and Announcements

- Ms. Pskowski reminded members to complete the Doodle poll to identify availability for future Health Promotion Committee meetings.

Committee Member comments, questions, and next steps

- Member Pendergrass expressed his interest in the childhood vaccination rates and requested an update at future meetings. He asked for staff to share with committee members the TAG membership positions.

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