

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: August 10, 2022

To: Washington State Board of Health Members

From: Michelle Davis, Executive Director

Subject: 2022 Draft State Health Report

Background and Summary:

RCW 43.20.100 requires the Washington State Board of Health (Board) to develop a State Health Report by July 1 of each even-numbered year. The report includes “suggestions for public health priorities for the following biennium and such legislative action as it deems necessary.” Staff worked with Board members to identify potential topics to include in the 2022 report.

Topics in the draft 2022 report include:

- Improving public health’s response to health inequities through data reform.
- Removing barriers to health care insurance and care coverage.
- Improving access to culturally and linguistically appropriate health services.
- Making school environments healthy and safe.
- Decreasing youth use of tobacco, nicotine, and vapor products.
- Strengthening Washington’s public health system through continued investments.

I have invited Kaitlyn Donahoe, Board Staff, to review recommendations in the 2022 State Health Report for the Board’s consideration.

Recommended Board Actions:

The Board may wish to consider and amend, if necessary, the following motion:

The Board directs staff to finalize the 2022 State Health Report in close consultation with the Chair. The Chair is authorized to approve a final report with any further revisions based on today’s conversation, and transmit the report to the Governor, Legislature, and appropriate state agencies by September 1, 2022.

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