

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Molly Dinardo, MPH (she/her) - Policy Advisor

Molly Dinardo joined the State Board of Health staff as a Policy Advisor in October 2022. She supports the Board's policy and rulemaking initiatives related to health promotion, disease prevention, and other community and child health priorities.

Molly has over six years of experience supporting public health programming and research related to maternal and child health, breast and gynecologic cancers, health systems strengthening, transportation, and substance use prevention. Her experiences in public health are broad, but they all have a shared underlying theme: structural inequities and social determinants of health are driving factors in preventing people from reaching their full potential. In her work, Molly is interested in examining the root causes of health inequities and removing systemic barriers to health.

Most recently, Molly worked with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Washington and legislative staff to support commercial tobacco health policy education and advocacy efforts around youth prevention and funding for state prevention and cessation services. Before her legislative work, she worked at King County Metro evaluating an ORCA ticket pilot program and assisting with planning a same-day service public transportation option for riders who rely on Access paratransit. Earlier in her career, and before living in Washington, she worked in regulatory affairs at an oncology hospital and managed operations for USAID-funded global health projects.

Molly received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology and Sociology from Saint Michael's College in Vermont and her Master of Public Health degree from the University of Washington.