

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: June 12, 2024

To: Washington State Board of Health Members

From: Mindy Flores, Board Member

Subject: 2024 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 every two years, by July 1. The report includes “suggestions for public health priorities for the following biennium and such legislative action as [the Board] deems necessary.”

The State Health Report (SHR) doesn't aim to give a detailed overview of health in Washington State or list everything different groups are doing to improve health across the state. Instead, the report puts forward public health priorities and possible legislative actions for the upcoming legislative cycle for the Governor's and Legislature's consideration.

To prepare the 2024 report, staff collaborated with Board Members to decide what topics to include. Additionally, the Board organized two community panels to gather input on topics. Panelists representing communities from the west- and east-side of Washington State presented about current programs and strategies they're using to address ongoing community needs. Staff also had one-on-one conversations with community representatives to collect additional input to include in the report.

Topics in the draft 2024 report include:

- Increase Data Disaggregation in Washington Through Data Reform to Promote Data Equity
- Remove Barriers to Health Care Insurance and Coverage for Culturally Appropriate Care
- Re-envision the Quality of Care in Washington by Increasing Access to Community-Driven, Culturally and Linguistically Relevant Services
- Advance School Environmental Health in Washington.
- Strengthen Investments in Washington's Public Health System to Build a Modern and Responsive Public Health System
- Decrease Use of Commercial Tobacco Products, With Special Attention to Flavors

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- Support Public Health Improvements to Mitigate Environmental Hazards and Promote Environmental Justice

I have invited Hannah Haag and Molly Dinardo, Board Staff, to review how community voice was incorporated into the Report and discuss the recommendations in the 2024 State Health Report for the Board's consideration.

Recommended Board Actions:

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

The Board directs staff to finalize the 2024 State Health Report (SHR) based on the Board's input today, in consultation with the Chair and Board sponsor and to send the report to the Governor by July 1, 2024. Once the Governor's Office receives the SHR, staff are directed to send a copy to community representatives who contributed to it, the Legislature, and appropriate state agencies.

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