

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

## HEALTH PROMOTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

**What:** Health Promotion (HP) Committee

**When:** September 7, 2023

**Participating:** Board of Health (Board) Members Dimyana Abdelmalek, Mindy Flores, Patty Hayes, Kelly Oshiro; Board staff Molly Dinardo, Andrew Kamali, Anna Burns, Miranda Calmjoy; Department of Health (Department) staff Caroline Sedano, Deborah (Debs) Gardner, and Sarah Keefe, and invited guest Cynthia (Cindy) Gamble (Tribal Public Health Consultant with the American Indian Health Commission). Other Department staff and members of the public also attended the meeting.

### Summary Notes:

#### Committee Chair Selection

- Molly Dinardo stated that according to the State Board of Health's (Board) bylaws, each Board policy committee needs a Committee Chair. Molly D. asked if there were any Committee Members interested in serving as the new Chair.
- Member Dimyana Abdelmalek volunteered to serve as the Chair for the remainder of the 2023 Committee meetings and all 2024 meetings.
- Member Kelly Oshiro mentioned that staff should notify the Board of the new Health Promotion Committee Chair at the October meeting.

#### Maternal and Pregnant Person Mortality in Washington and Ongoing Prevention Efforts

- Molly D. introduced Department staff Caroline Sedano, Debs Gardner, and Sarah Keefe, and Cindy Gamble from the American Indian Health Commission (AIHC), who provided an informational briefing on the topic of maternal and pregnant person mortality and ongoing prevention work.
- Caroline S. and Debs G. presented an overview of the Department's Maternal Mortality Review Panel (MMRP), shared data and findings from the 2023 report, and report recommendations. In addition, they shared an update regarding the implementation of past report recommendations to date and anticipated upcoming work related to some of these recommendations.
- Next, Cindy G. provided information on the American Indian/Alaska Native Addendum to the 2023 MMRP report, which highlighted the importance of recognizing the need for Tribally Informed Solutions in Washington. Cindy G.

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gave examples of Tribal-led community engagement work that informed the recommendations in the addendum and emphasized that this work didn't just focus on the topic of maternal and pregnant person mortality; it brought in discussions around the overall health and well-being of the community. Cindy G. concluded by sharing ways in which allies and partners can assist in this work, specifically, by supporting Tribal-led ideas and trusting the wisdom of the community.

- HP Committee Members expressed gratitude for the presentation and noted that the presenters did a great job of condensing a lot of information from the report into the allotted presentation time. Members also mentioned that there are many items of interest from the presentation, and they want to think more about how the Board can pull some of the themes and recommendations from the Department's MMRP report and ongoing work into the Board's legislative statement.
- Additional discussions included the importance of supporting Tribes and Tribal-informed solutions and a recently funded AIHC Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) proposal related to implementing a Tribal Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) system in Washington, interest in creating a universal home visiting program in Washington, and ongoing conversations related to the need for flexible funding to permit relationship building that isn't tied to programs or program outcomes. One Member also inquired about missing or incomplete death certificate data and what local health officers can do to better support the MMRP's work.

### **Rulemaking Updates and Other Project Updates**

- Molly D. shared an overview of active Board rulemaking projects, which included the vital statistics rulemaking delegation to the Department, the delayed newborn screening rulemaking to add Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency (OTCD) to the mandatory state screening panel, and new rulemaking related to school auditory screening standards.
- Molly D. mentioned that the school auditory screening rulemaking still needed a Board sponsor. Member Oshiro volunteered to serve as the sponsor of this work.
- Molly D. also shared that Board staff have started a rulemaking "watchlist," to monitor anticipated rulemaking work that might be coming down the pipeline. One rule staff have identified is the Board's notifiable conditions rule, based on conversations among local health officers and the need to evaluate recent rule implementation. Member Abdelmalek shared that there have been conversations among local health officers (LHOs) regarding the notifiable conditions rule and how important it is to LHO work and looks forward to continuing the conversations related to this topic.
- Finally, Molly D. concluded with updates related to the upcoming Newborn Screening Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, FPHS Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Framework discussion from the May 2023 committee meeting, and an opportunity to attend a presentation related to kratom.

### **Emerging Topics for Future Board Meetings**

- Molly D. and Andrew Kamali provided an overview of topics committee members should anticipate for the October and November 2023 Board meetings.
- Molly D. shared that in October, Board Members will receive a briefing on the September 8 Newborn Screening Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendations for Guanidinoacetate methyltransferase (GAMT) Deficiency and Arginase 1 Deficiency for discussion and possible action.
- Andrew K. explained that in alignment with the Board's Strategic Plan priorities, staff are planning to convene a series of community panel discussions, starting in November, related to climate change and its impacts on the health of different communities across Washington. Andrew K. asked committee members if they had connections to community groups that might be interested in joining the panel discussions and if they had any additional topics related to climate change that they would like Board staff to explore.
- Committee Members expressed support and interest in this work. Member Patty Hayes expressed interest in being the Board Sponsor on climate change related topics. Member Abdelmalek noted interest in this work from the local health perspective, specifically topics related to air quality, extreme heat events, heat-related illnesses, and the impact of wildfires.
- Member Oshiro asked for clarification regarding the goal of this work, and whether it's to hold discussions about climate change on a broad scale or tailor this work to a specific area or topic. Andrew K. responded that the purpose of this work is to center lived experiences of communities disproportionately impacted by climate change and have these conversations shape future panels or discussions. Member Oshiro suggested the use of a logic model in developing this work. Andrew K. agreed, and shared that staff are creating a crosswalk document to help inform this work and document the various connections to the Board's rules.
- Member Mindy Flores agreed that the panel is a great idea and suggested having multiple smaller panels to discuss specific topics. Member Flores stated a specific interest in working with schools regarding indoor air quality and connecting with students, parents, and teachers, and offered to help Andrew K. with connections to community groups.
- Molly D. shared another priority from the Board's Strategic Plan that may be brought up as early as the November meeting is an educational briefing related to the impact of multi-drug resistant infections in Washington and the state's response capacity.
- Member Abdelmalek stated that they would be interested in supporting this work.

### **Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Next Steps**

- Member Abdelmalek expressed appreciation for the Board staff and thanked them for all their work.
- Member Hayes inquired if there will be someone representing the Board at the Secretary of Health's October meeting since other Board Members will be

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representing their jurisdiction and other current working roles. Molly D. noted that staff would follow up on this question.

- Molly D. concluded the meeting by sharing the next steps and noting that the December meeting could be a good time to review the priorities that committee members would like to include in the Board's legislative statement.

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