

# WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

## HEALTH PROMOTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

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

**When:** September 5, 2024

**Attending:** Board of Health (Board) Members Dimyana Abdelmalek (Committee Chair), Kelly Oshiro; Board staff Molly Dinardo, Kelly Kramer, Shay Bauman, Hannah Haag, Melanie Hisaw, Anna Burns, Heather Carawan; Department of Health (Department) staff Meghan Cichy, Leah Wainman, Chelsea Henry, John Thompson, Katy Art, Samantha Fuller; and approximately five members of the public also attended the meeting.

### Summary Notes:

#### Rulemaking and Other Project Updates

- Molly Dinardo, Board staff, provided an update on the rules hearing for the addition of Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency (OTCD), Guanidinoacetate Methyltransferase (GAMT) Deficiency, and Arginase 1 Deficiency (ARG1-D) to the newborn screening (NBS) panel (Chapter 246-650 WAC). The hearing has been postponed. Board staff aim to submit the rules package by the end of the year and have been in communication with former technical advisory committee (TAC) members and the parent advocating for the addition of these conditions.
- Molly shared that there have been some delays in progress on the Vital Statistics rulemaking delegation (Chapter 246-491 WAC) due to staff turnover. Work is picking back up. Depending on progress, Board staff may ask for an update from Department of Health (Department) staff at a future Committee or Board meeting.
- Molly discussed K-12 Auditory Screening rulemaking and the work to embed equity in our process. To enhance inclusivity, the team collaborated with a Deaf interpreter to create an American Sign Language video announcement, which is available on the Board's website. Molly also noted that staff are working on proposed rules and aim to finalize a first draft by the end of the year for circulation. Board Member and HP Committee Chair Dimyana Abdelmalek expressed enthusiasm and appreciation for this initiative.
- Molly shared progress on the 2024 State Health Report. The report is complete and planned for Spanish translation and broader distribution following the October Board meeting. Molly encouraged Board Members to share the report widely and to share any feedback with our team. Molly asked Board and Committee Members how we can build on the work done for the State Health Report. Board Vice Chair Oshiro suggested a visual shorter summary that can be shared with the community; and setting aside time at each meeting to check in

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on progress toward the recommendations made in the report. HP Committee Chair Abdelmalek expressed appreciation for the work and for the community panelists who participated and asked about the Board's role in engaging external partners.

- Molly and Shay Bauman, Board staff, will talk with Board Members about collaboration with the Environmental Health Committee.
- Meghan Cichy, Department staff, shared updates on the exception rulemaking delegation for school immunizations (WAC 246-105-040 and 246-105-060). There will be a public rules hearing on September 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. on the Tumwater campus, TC2- Rm 166/167, and via Zoom. Public comments will be accepted through 11:59 PM PST on September 18. More information can be found on the [Department of Health Proposed Rules Page](#).
- Kelly Kramer, Board staff, provided an overview and timeline of the NBS Project. Kelly is in the process of sending invitations to potential and prior TAC members. The first TAC meeting in October will focus on reviewing the process and criteria for adding screening conditions to the NBS panel. Board Members expressed interest and anticipation in the findings. Board Vice Chair (and Sponsor) Oshiro asked a question about congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV). Kelly said there is direction to re-review it and budget discussions with the Health Care Authority.

### **Preview of October and November Board Meetings**

- Molly shared that the next Board meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2024, in Yakima. The meeting is co-located with the Washington State Public Health Association (WSPHA) conference. The agenda will likely include updates from Yakima Public Health, a presentation from the Department on Be Well Washington, and a discussion led by Executive Director Michelle Davis regarding the Board's 2025 legislative statement. Additional agenda items will cover updates on upcoming NBS projects, shellfish rulemaking, emergency rulemaking for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and a briefing on the Pro-Equity Anti-Racism (PEAR) plan.
- Kelly reviewed the timeline for upcoming NBS projects. HP Committee Chair Abdelmalek asked if there are ways that the Board can support the implementation of recommendations that come from the NBS TAC meetings. John Thompson, Department staff, expressed appreciation for Kelly's work and shared that the Department is hiring a Policy Analyst to bolster their ability to keep track of advances in NBS technology.

### **Informational Briefing: Washington State Health Assessment (SHA) and State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)**

- Leah Wainman and Chelsea Henry, Department staff, provided an overview of the Washington State's Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan. They shared the history, health equity goals, tools, and plans associated with these collaborative processes. HP Committee Chair Abdelmalek shared appreciation for this critical work, both from a local public health and Board perspective. Leah may follow up with Dimyana directly for local health jurisdiction feedback.

Chelsea shared that there is compensation available for community members to participate.

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

- HP Committee Chair Abdelmalek shared reflection on today's meeting focusing on centering healthy lives - from the very beginning with Newborn Screening, to the statewide health assessments, taking all lived experience into account. Board Members and Board staff thanked everyone for participation and look forward to upcoming work.

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