



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AS THE HEALTH BOARD

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, (2/5/13)
Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue

A G E N D A

<u>Meeting Topics</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Public Session	no ppr	10:30-10:40
2. Health Board Resolution	1-3	10:40-10:50
3. Community Health Improvement Plan	4-12	10:50-noon

**HEALTH BOARD
Discussion Form
(2/5/13)**

AGENDA ITEM # 2: Resolution - State Funding for Foundational Public Health Services

PRESENTER: Regina Delahunt

BOARD ACTION: Action Item

FYI & Discussion

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) has asked local health jurisdictions statewide to present the attached resolution to their local boards of health for consideration. The resolution calls on the Washington State Legislature to support critical state funding for foundational public health services as the 2013/2015 budget is developed. Whatcom County receives approximately \$1.2 million annually from the state to support foundational public health services such as communicable disease control, immunizations and chronic disease prevention. While this is not nearly enough funding to fully support foundational public health services in our community, the resolution carries forward the concept of public health as a shared State and local responsibility and affirms the importance of a strong statewide public health system.

This resolution will be used when discussing the importance of the work we do in public health for our community with legislators during this session.

BOARD ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Recommend approval of the Resolution by the Health Board.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution – State Funding for Foundational Public Health Services

PROPOSED BY: _____

SPONSORED BY: Health _____

INTRODUCED: _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVELS OF FUNDING FOR FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, every Washingtonian has the right to expect a strong network of local public health jurisdictions and public health services; and

WHEREAS, prevention and public health is recognized to play an important role in improving the health of Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, an effective public health infrastructure is essential to decreasing the burden of chronic disease and ensuring our children are healthy and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, those most essential services that protect everyone — immunizations, water and food safety, infectious disease prevention, and services to vulnerable children and families — must remain strong; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need to protect people from communicable diseases and other public health threats; and

WHEREAS, the current State budget protects the most critical funding for foundational local public health services; and

WHEREAS, this funding is an immediate, urgent need and is essential to keeping the public health system operational; and

WHEREAS, funding and delivering foundational public health services is a shared responsibility between the state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, many local governments have stepped up to ensure this critical component of the broader public safety system in Washington State remains functional; and

WHEREAS, substantial efforts are underway to ensure that the public health successes of the 20th century are carried forward by a nimble, sustainable, responsive, cost-effective and accountable 21st century public health system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County's Health Board calls upon the Washington State Legislature to maintain the current level of State funding for the public health system in the 2013-15 biennial budget;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Health Board strongly encourages other local Boards of Health in Washington to adopt similar resolutions.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

**WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Kathy Kershner, Health Board Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Randy Watts, Civil Deputy Prosecutor



Whatcom County Community Health Improvement Plan Update

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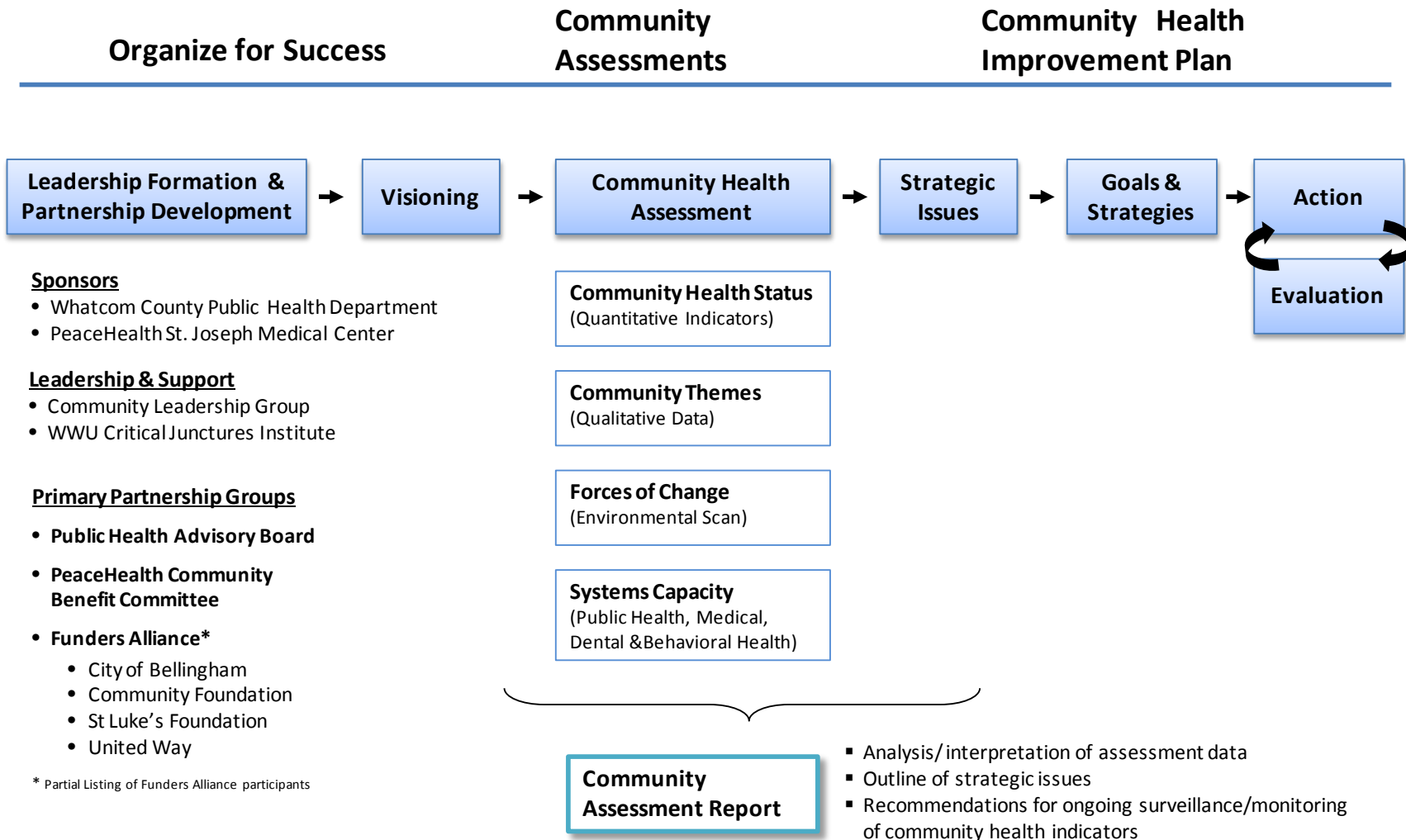
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Mobilizing for Action through Partnerships and Planning ~ (MAPP) Process



Evidence-based community-wide strategic planning process for improving community health.
National Association of County and City Health Officials

CHIP Overview

- Primary Goal:
 - Improve health for all Whatcom County residents, especially vulnerable groups and populations with poor health outcomes
- Implementation Priorities:
 - Community engagement and community-based leadership
 - Data and outcome evaluation

CHIP Overview

Strategic Priorities	Goals
Supporting Healthy Child, Youth and Family Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All families are strong, stable and supported from the start• All children enter school safe, healthy and ready to learn• All youth graduate from high school prepared for bright healthy futures
Promoting Healthy and Active Living in Neighborhoods and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All people live in safe, healthy and affordable homes• All people feel safe and connected to their neighbors and to their community• All people have opportunities to adopt healthy active lifestyles in their neighborhoods or communities
Ensuring Health Care for Vulnerable Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All people have access to essential health care services• All children, adults and seniors with complex needs receive supports that optimize outcomes• All people feel welcomed into the health care system and are satisfied with their health care system experiences

Strategic Priority 1: Supporting Healthy Child, Youth and Family Development

Goals	Outcome Measures (Proposed)	Proposed Initiatives and Actions
All families are strong, stable and supported from the start	↓ % Families with young children living in poverty ↓ % Households in which children have 3 or more adverse childhood experiences (ACES)	Develop cohesive system of services and supports for new parents/emerging families, including targeted health and social services for at-risk families (i.e., nurse home visitation, mental health counseling, housing case management, financial literacy)
All children enter school safe, healthy and ready to learn	↑ % Children who meet kindergarten school readiness standards (all domains)	Expand availability and access to high quality early learning opportunities and developmental supports for at-risk children
All youth graduate from high school prepared for bright healthy futures	↑ % Youth who graduate from high school on-time	Implement evidence-based approaches in schools and other settings to respond compassionately to children and youth who have experienced adverse events (ACEs) or have other challenges to success

Strategic Priority 2: Promoting Healthy & Active Living in Neighborhoods and Communities

Goals	Outcome Measures (Proposed)	Proposed Initiatives and Actions
All people live in safe, healthy and affordable homes	↑% People who report no housing related problems (cost, inadequate facilities, homelessness)	Advocate for ongoing development or refurbishing of affordable housing and supportive housing units within close proximity to healthy community amenities
All people feel safe and connected to their neighbors and to their community	↑% People who feel safe walking in their neighborhood ↑% People who report knowing their neighbors	Develop place-based projects to improve safety, social connections, and advance healthy living opportunities in targeted geographic areas /communities
All people have opportunities to adopt healthy active lifestyles in their neighborhoods or communities	↑% People that live within ½ mile of healthy community amenities (transit, grocery store, park/play area, walking path/trail)	Incorporate “healthy living” perspective in governmental and community-based land use, transportation, and housing plans

Strategic Priority 3: Ensuring Health Care for Vulnerable Populations

Goals	Outcome Measures (Proposed)	Proposed Initiatives and Actions
All people have access to essential health care services	<p>↓% Adults with unmet health need due to cost or availability of services</p> <p>↑ %Adults with preventive dental visit in past year</p>	<p>Expand access to health insurance coverage/financial support</p> <p>Expand primary care, oral health and behavioral health capacity, particularly for underserved populations</p>
All children, adults and seniors with complex needs receive supports that optimize outcomes	<p>↓ # and rate of avoidable Emergency Dept (ED) visits and hospitalizations</p> <p>↑ %Children/adults with complex health needs who receive care in Medical Home</p>	<p>Implement new ways of integrating mental health and chemical dependency treatment with primary care</p> <p>Support development of Medical Home/care coordination models</p>
All people feel welcomed into the health care system and are satisfied with their health care system experiences	<p>↑%People who report satisfaction/perception of high quality care</p>	<p>Implement system-wide cultural sensitivity training and review of organizational practices</p>