



**DATE:** December 9, 2015

**TO:** Members of the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities

**FROM:** Emma Medicine White Crow, Chair

**SUBJECT: ADVERSE BIRTH OUTCOMES RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Background and Summary:**

In recognition of the significant and persisting disparities in adverse birth outcomes that exist in the state, and out of a desire to align its work with Results Washington, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities selected adverse birth outcomes as a priority health topic.

In February 2015, the Council convened an advisory committee to assist with developing its recommendations. That committee presented recommendations to the Council at our May meeting, which we adopted and included in our June 2015 Update report to the Governor and Legislature. The committee then continued to meet to come up with a second set of recommendations.

Today, I have asked staff to prepare a briefing on the advisory committee's recommendations for consideration by the full Council. I am pleased that three members of the advisory committee, Leah Tanner from Seattle Children's, Michelle Sarju from Open Arms Perinatal Services, and Heather Weiher from the Health Care Authority, will join in today's presentation.

**Recommended Council Action:**

After reviewing the draft adverse birth outcomes report and recommendations, the Council may choose to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

*Motion: The Council approves in concept the draft adverse birth outcomes report and recommendations as submitted on December 9, 2015, directs staff to incorporate changes from today's discussion as necessary, and authorizes the chair to approve the final version for inclusion in the Council's December 2015 Update Report.*