



**DATE:** September 15, 2016  
**TO:** Members of the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities  
**FROM:** Emma Medicine White Crow, Chair  
**SUBJECT:** DISCUSSION—EQUITY RELATED DECISION PACKAGES

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**Background and Summary:**

Governor Inslee is expected to submit his 2017-19 biennial and 2017 supplemental budget proposals to the Legislature by December 20, 2016. To inform the development of the Governor's budget, state agencies submit their biennial budget proposals to the Office of Financial Management from September 9-16, 2016. Agency budget proposals consist of individual decision packages, which provide rationale for their incremental budget requests.

During this agenda item, I have asked Council members representing state agencies, boards, and commissions to provide summaries of their agencies' decision packages that they believe will have positive impacts on equity. We know that health starts where we live, learn, work, and play and that ensuring equitable access to the kinds of information and services state agencies provide has the potential to improve health outcomes for communities of color and other populations experiencing health disparities.

After we hear summaries of agencies' decision packages, I will ask the Council to consider whether to send a letter to Governor Inslee encouraging him to include some or all of the equity-focused decision packages in his 2017-2019 budget proposal to the Legislature. During our discussion, I ask all Council members to think critically and ask questions so we can be reasonably sure that the proposals we support will likely have positive impacts on health and equity and not lead to unintentional consequences that can perpetuate inequity.

**Recommended Council Action:**

The Council may choose to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

*Motion: The Council endorses [some or all] of the equity-related decision packages discussed on September 15, 2016 and asks the Chair to send a letter to Governor Inslee encouraging him to include those decision packages in his 2017-2019 biennial budget proposal to the Legislature.*