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Council to discuss health conditions, indicators of health, and social determinants of health for state action plan

Wednesday, May 23, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Radisson Hotel Gateway, 18118 International Blvd., Seattle

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will receive information on health conditions and indicators of health that will be addressed in the statewide action plan to eliminate health disparities. In addition, it will consider whether to add conditions, social determinants of health, and health indicators to the list; discuss criteria for the first round of prioritization; and review a work plan for developing recommendations regarding culturally and linguistically appropriate materials and services. The council meets Wednesday, May 23, at the Radisson Hotel Gateway in Seattle.

The term "health disparities" describes the disproportionate burden of disease, disability, and death among a particular population or group when compared to the general population. The existence of serious disparities among racial and ethnic groups in Washington is well documented. Health conditions are illnesses, injuries, or other health outcomes. Social determinants of health refer to specific conditions in society that are known to affect health, such as poverty, educational attainment, and housing. Health indicators are ways of measuring health outcomes or other factors known to be associated with health outcomes, and they can include health conditions and social determinants of health.

For more information go to the [Health Disparities Council Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil) (www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil) or contact the state Board of Health office, 360-236-4104.

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