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## **Council discusses progress report to Legislature**

*Wednesday, November 28, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Comfort Inn, 1620 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Tumwater*

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will review and comment on the working draft of its first progress report. The Council must create an action plan for eliminating health disparities and provide the Governor and the Legislature with a progress report by January 15, 2008.

The Council will also hear briefings on the Office of Minority Health State Partnership Grant; multicultural health education efforts at community and technical colleges; and *Unnatural Causes*, a documentary series and public impact campaign aimed at raising awareness of the social conditions that lead to health inequities.

The term "health disparities" describes the higher rates of disease, disability and death among certain groups when compared to the general population. Serious disparities among racial and ethnic groups in Washington have been well documented.

The council meets Wednesday, November 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil) ([www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil](http://www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil)) or by calling the state Board of Health office, 360-236-4104.

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