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Meeting Notice

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Council receives briefings on potential health priorities

Thursday, February 7, 1 – 3:30 p.m., Comfort Inn, 1620 74th Avenue SW, Tumwater

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will hear briefings on health care workforce diversity, health literacy, environmental exposures, and chronic kidney disease. The purpose of the briefings is to identify activities, programs, and initiatives in the state that address the health conditions and social determinants of health under consideration by the council. The council will consider the information when it selects its top five priorities for the first version of its action plan. The meeting will also provide council members an opportunity to discuss legislative and budget proposals that may be of interest to the council.

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 Thursday, February 7, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Council members will participate by phone. The public may listen to the meeting, held at the Comfort Inn, 1620 74th Ave SW, Tumwater. More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil) (www.sboh.wa.gov/hdcouncil) or by calling the state Board of Health office, 360-236-4104.

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