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Health Disparities Council to discuss process for selecting priorities

Wednesday, September 10, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Red Lion Hotel Olympia, 2300 Evergreen Park Dr., Olympia

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will discuss the scoring process to prioritize and select the top five priorities that will be addressed in the first version of its action plan.

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, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Council members will participate by phone. The public may listen to the meeting in person at the Red Lion Hotel Olympia, 2300 Evergreen Park Dr., Olympia. 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, 360-236-4104.

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