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Meeting Notice

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Council to receive briefing on the Kitsap Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Thursday, May 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Norm Dicks Government Center, 345 6th Street, Bremerton, WA

On Thursday, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will receive a briefing on the Kitsap Tobacco, Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and overview of current data from Kitsap County related to health disparities. The Council will also discuss tools for promoting equity in state government. Other items on the agenda include discussions on the 2009 legislative session, health impact reviews, the Office of Minority Health State Partnership Grant, and the Council's advisory committees.

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.

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More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council Web site](http://www.healthequity.wa.gov) (www.healthequity.wa.gov) or by calling the state Board of Health office, 360-236-4104.

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