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Meeting Notice

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Council to receive briefings on advisory committees

Thursday, September 10, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., New Market Skills Center, 7299 New Market Street SW, Tumwater

On Thursday, the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will receive a briefing on the National Policy Summit on the elimination of disparities in mental health care and hear an update on multicultural health training for health professionals. Other items on the agenda include a discussion on the draft progress report to the Legislature, an update on Council outreach activities, and briefings on Council 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/ethnic groups in Washington have been well documented.

The council meets Thursday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the New Market Skills Center, 7299 New Market Street SW, Tumwater.

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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