OFFICE OF EQUITY TASK FORCE
AUGUST 19, 2019

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Staff to the Task Force
“...establish a task force to develop a proposal for the creation of an office of equity.”

ESHB 1109, sec. 221(7)

CREATION

Created through a proviso in the state’s 2019-2021 operating budget.

State general funds:
$285,000 (FY20)
$15,000 (FY21)
HEALTH DISPARITIES COUNCIL (HDC)

• Created through legislation in 2006 (2SSB 6197).
• 17 members:
  • 14 from state agencies, boards, and commissions
  • 3 selected by the Governor
• Identify priorities and create recommendations for the Governor and Legislature.
• Eliminate health disparities by race/ethnicity and gender.
## TASK FORCE MEMBERS

### Health Disparities Council (HDC)
- Benjamin Danielson (Co-chair)
- Jan Olmstead (Co-chair)

### Office of the Governor
- RaShelle Davis

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Council
- Karen Johnson

### Human Rights Commission
- Sharon Ortiz

### WA State Women’s Commission (WSWC)
- Michelle Gonzalez | Marie Vela (alternate)

### Office of Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises (OMWBE)
- Lisa van der Lugt | Rex Brown (alternate)

### Commission on African American Affairs (CAAA)
- Ed Prince

### Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA)
- Toshiko Hasegawa

### Commission on Hispanic Affairs (CHA)
- Maria Siguenza

### Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA)
- Craig Bill

### Disability Community
- Mandeep Kaundal

### LGBTQ+ Community
- Allison Spector
Preliminary Report – 12/15/19

August (First Meeting)

September Meeting

October Meeting

November Meeting

Report due to the Governor & Legislature

Finalize recs & approve content

Final Report: 7/1/2020
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mission & Vision Statements
- Definition of 'equity'
- Agency Engagement Plan
- Organizational Structure
- Budget - Costs & Staffing
RECOMMENDATIONS (cont’d.)

Mechanisms for:

- facilitating state policy and systems change to promote equity
- promoting community outreach and engagement
- establishing standards for the collection, analysis, and reporting of disaggregated data regarding race and ethnicity
RECOMMENDATIONS (cont’d.)

• Mechanisms for accountability to ensure that performance measures around equity are met across all agencies
• Audits of agencies and other accountability tools as deemed appropriate
THANK YOU

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