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GUIDANCE TO THE EJ TASK FORCE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Lakewood, WA

David Mendoza & Victor Rodriguez
Task Force Co-Chairs



“...to recommend strategies for incorporating environmental justice principles into future State agency actions across Washington”

ESHB 1109, section 221, subsection 48

TASK FORCE CREATION

- Created through a proviso in the state's 2019-2021 operating budget
- **State general funds:**
 - \$300,000 (FY20)
 - \$90,000 (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.



Establish
Task
Force

Provide
staff
support

Coordinate
community &
stakeholder
outreach

Health Disparities Council (HDC)

Victor Rodriguez (Co-chair)

Puget Sound Partnership

Larry Epstein | Leah Kitner (alternate)

Public Lands (Dept. of Natural Resources)

Cassie Bordelon

Department of Commerce

Michael Furze

Department of Ecology

Millie Piazza

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (Utilities & Transportation Commission)

Sonia Bumpus

Union/Organized Labor Association: UAW Local 4121

Judy Twedt

Statewide Agricultural Interests: WA State Farm Bureau

John Stuhlmiller

Statewide EJ Issues

David Mendoza (Co-Chair)

Department of Transportation

Allison Camden

Department of Health

Lauren Jenks

Department of Agriculture

Ignacio Marquez

CBO: Tacoma League of Young Professionals

Emily Pinckney

CBO: Community to Community Development

Tomás Madrigal

CBO: Asian Pacific Islander Coalition

Rowena Pineda

Business Interests: Association of WA Business

Gary Chandler | Peter Godlewski

Tribal Leader

Unconfirmed



TASK FORCE GOAL



To improve health outcomes, especially within communities that are most severely and frequently impacted by environmental health hazards in the state.



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PATHWAY TO ACHIEVING THIS GOAL

The Task Force will work diligently to center the voices of those who belong to communities that are most impacted by environmental justice issues throughout its work.

PURPOSE

To recommend strategies for incorporating environmental justice principles into future State agency actions across Washington





RESPONSIBILITIES

This Task Force will produce a final report due to the legislature and Governor by October 31, 2020

The final report must include:

1. Guidance for State agencies about how to use the **Washington Environmental Health Disparity Map** to identify highly impacted communities
2. Best practices for increasing meaningful and inclusive **community engagement**
3. Recommendations for establishing **measurable goals** for reducing environmental health disparities and ways in which state agencies may focus their work towards meeting those goals
4. **Model policies** that prioritize highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations

PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEES

Meet outside of Task
Force meetings

Mapping

(Required report study area #1)

Providing guidance for state agencies regarding **how to use the Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map** to identify highly impacted communities using best practices & current demographic data

Community Engagement

(Required report study area #2)

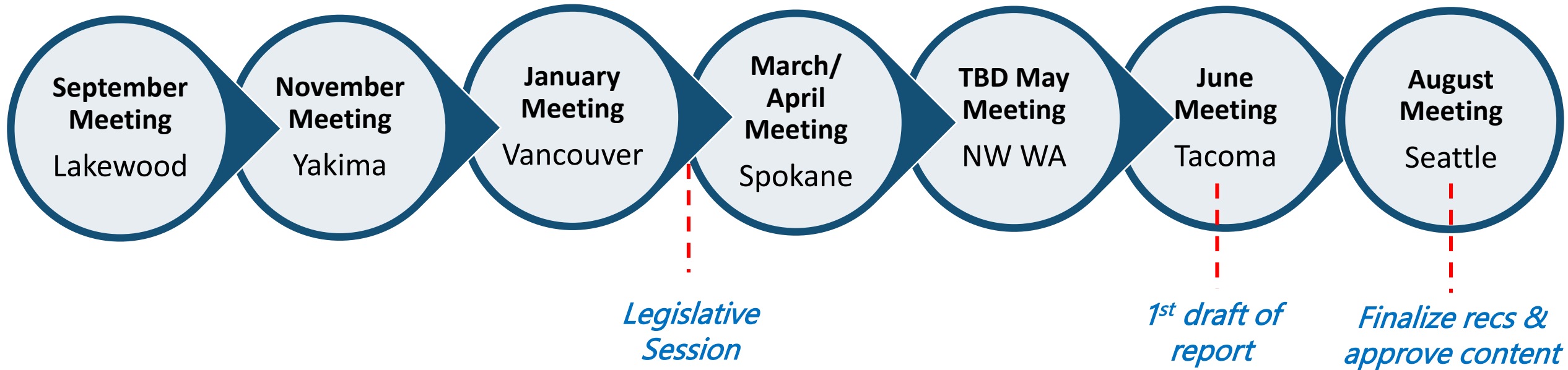
Researching & identifying **best practices for increasing meaningful and inclusive community engagement** that takes into account barriers to participation that may arise due to race, color, ethnicity, religion, income, or education level

Both subcommittees to research & identify **measurable goals & model policies** for state agencies to reduce environmental health disparities & advancing a healthy environment for all

(Required report study areas 3 & 4)



Task Force Timeline



Final Report Due October 31, 2020



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THANK YOU



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