

- Members reviewed and approved the June 24 meeting minutes and summary. They said the level of detail in the minutes was appropriate.
- Staff reviewed the materials available in members' packets, including reference materials.
- Members provided updates and discussed the following:
  - Current health care reform proposals at the federal level will likely pre-empt state laws—there are no guidelines for what benefits would be mandated.
  - Funding efforts and priorities for public health and health care at the federal level.
  - Responsibilities of parents, families, providers, the food industry, schools, and systems in preventing and managing obesity.
  - The political feasibility of select policy recommendations, including those affecting childhood obesity in the schools.
  - Pros and cons for using BMI screening in schools.
  - Physical activity requirements and enforcement in schools.
  - Access to grocery stores in communities and the affordability of fresh foods.
- The group would like information on the availability of grocery stores statewide.
- The group agreed to a recommendation to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) about the importance of school health as a core function of the education system.
- Staff will investigate whether the Department of Transportation (DOT) has a team to review applications for safe routes to schools, and if so, if a member of the committee can sit on the review team.
- Members are interested in learning more about nutrition services provided to Women, Infant's, and Children (WIC) and Basic Food program recipients and the culturally appropriateness of foods.
- The group agreed that it wanted to begin narrowing the list of policy options for further consideration. They used the following coding system to categorize policy strategies:
  - 1 = retain the strategy for further consideration
  - 2 = the committee prefers to address the issue in the narrative
  - 3 = remove from consideration, e.g., beyond the scope, politically infeasible, etc.
- Individual members volunteered to research selected strategies to provide more information on what the strategy is, the extent to which it is being implemented in Washington, how it can help to eliminate disparities, and barriers that may exist at the state/federal levels.
- Staff will send out a revised policy options table to members with a request for more volunteers to research policy options.