

- Members reviewed and approved the meeting minutes and short summary of the April 30, 2009 meeting.
- Updates have been made to the Council's Web site to provide more information on the advisory committees.
- Office of Financial Management's Forecasting Division staff is open to working with the health insurance advisory committee on specific data requests.
- Members approved a new purpose statement to, "...identify policy recommendations to improve health insurance coverage rates and access to comprehensive and culturally competent care for communities of color in ways that achieve health equity and eliminate societal health disparities."
- Members provided updates on the Basic Health Advisory Committee, efforts at the Colville Confederated Tribes to enroll members in Medicaid, potential impacts on access to care resulting from provider reimbursement reductions, changes to funding and services for the General Assistance-Unemployable program, and health reform efforts at the federal level.
- The group reviewed the strategies listed in the policy options table and made a determination about whether each should have further consideration by the committee. Members identified strategies that have already been well implemented, strategies in which implementation was underway, or strategies that have received some legislative direction. Members agreed to endorse those strategies as policies which should be continued and/or expanded. Members also identified a number of strategies that were beyond its scope and better suited for federal health reform efforts.
- Individual members volunteered to research the strategies that they wanted to keep under consideration to provide more general information on the strategy, to identify its level of implementation in Washington, to research how it could help to address disparities, and to identify any state/federal regulatory barriers that may exist.
- The next meeting of the health insurance advisory committee is July 1.