



STATE OF WASHINGTON
GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

Washington State Board of Health

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Resolution 01

WHEREAS the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities was established by the Legislature in 2006 and consists of 17 members—a chair and two public members appointed by the Governor and representatives of 14 state agencies, boards, and commissions—and is staffed by the State Board of Health;

WHEREAS the Council is responsible for creating a state policy action plan to eliminate health disparities by race/ethnicity and gender;

WHEREAS Vickie Ybarra was appointed by Governor Gregoire to serve as her appointee in chairing the Council in September 2006;

WHEREAS Ms. Ybarra chaired the Council's Education Advisory Committee to propose policy recommendations to close the academic achievement gap for students of color for the Council's consideration;

WHEREAS Ms. Ybarra brought to the Council a wealth of rich experience: Director of Planning and Development at the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic—one of the largest community and migrant health care systems in the country, nurse, public health professional, member of the Washington State Board of Health for six years, member of the Institute of Medicine's committee that produced the 2004 report "In the Nation's Compelling Interest: Ensuring Diversity in the Health Care Workforce," president of her local school board, and dedicated partner and mother to her family;

WHEREAS Ms. Ybarra is a recognized authority on the issues of healthcare workforce diversity and the intersect between children's health and education policy;

WHEREAS Ms. Ybarra has demonstrated herself to be a strong and tireless leader and advocate for children and communities of color;

WHEREAS Ms. Ybarra has accomplished this with compassion, warmth, strength, integrity, and clear vision, thus creating a spirit of collaboration amongst Council members; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council recognizes and thanks Vickie Ybarra for more than three and a half years of dedicated and outstanding service to all of Washington's diverse communities by working to eliminate health disparities as the chair of the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities.

Emma Medicine White Crow, Vice Chair