



OFFICE OF EQUITY TASK FORCE

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Staff to the Task Force



CREATION

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

ESHB 1109, sec. 221(7)

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.



Establish
Task
Force

Provide
staff
support

Coordinate
community &
stakeholder
outreach

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)

Senator Manka Dhingra

Representative Jeremie Dufault

Representative Melanie Morgan

Unconfirmed Member

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

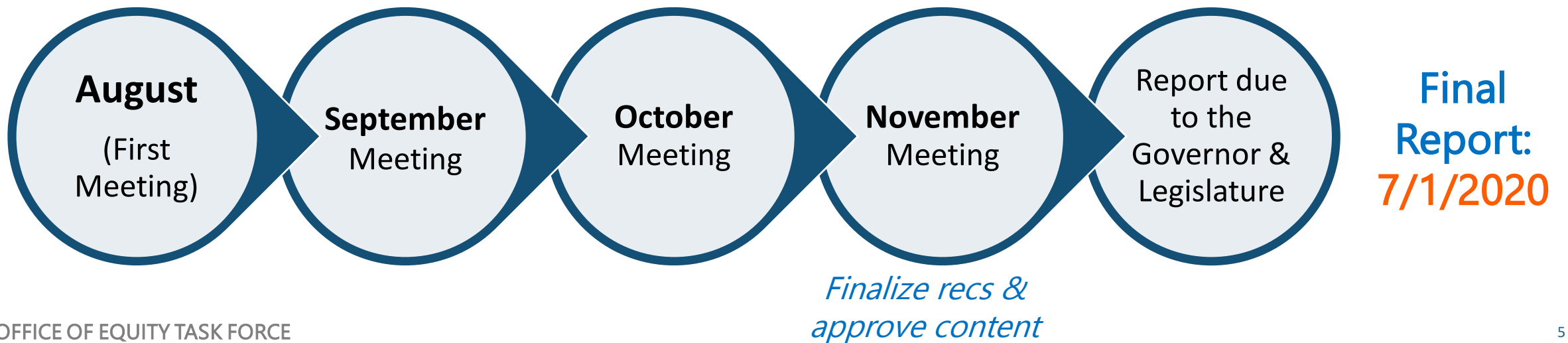
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LGBTQ+ Community

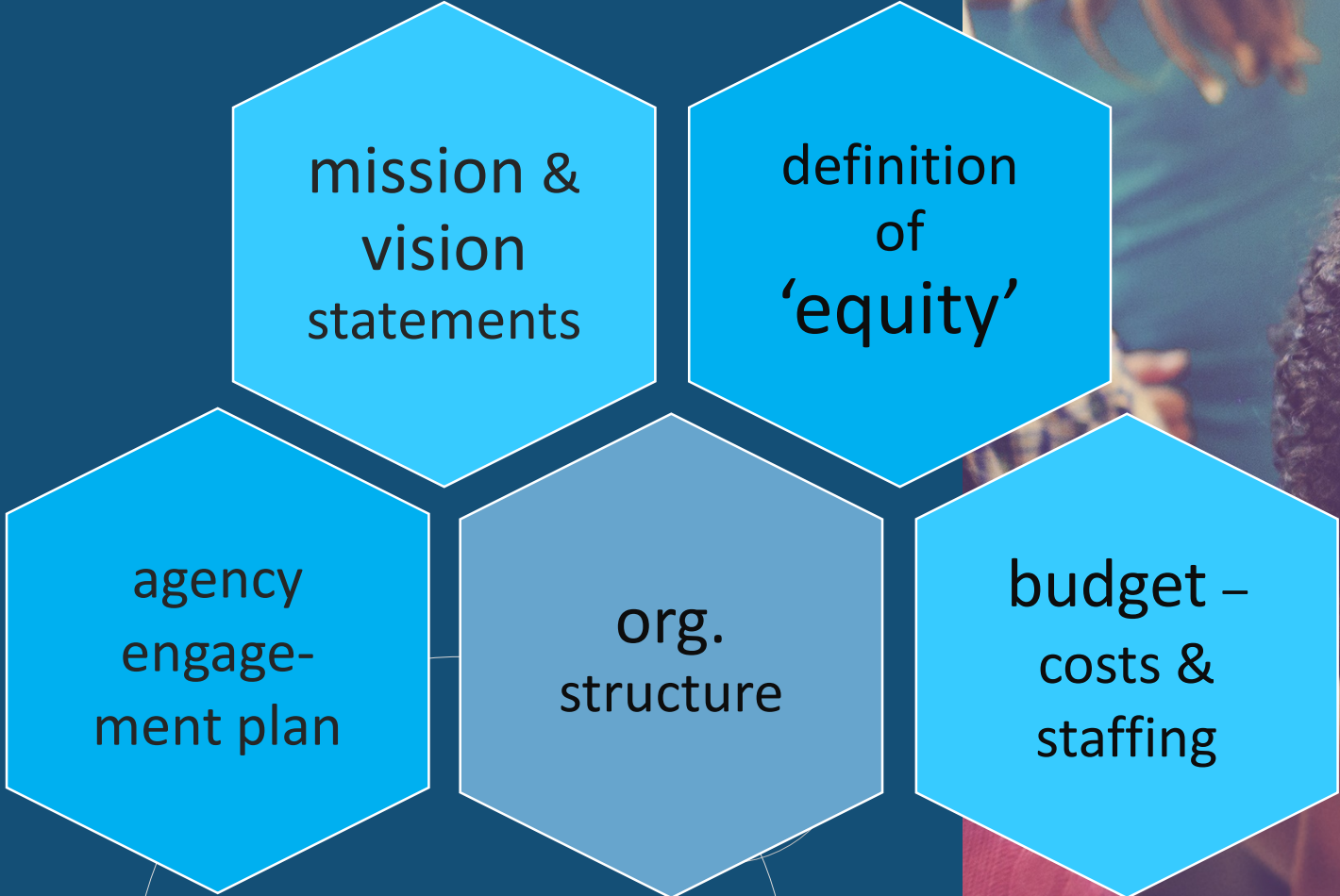
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RECOMMENDATIONS





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





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THANK YOU

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