



Council Redesign: Re-envisioning our Future



September 14, 2023

Meeting Materials

- Updated draft statute & summary of changes
- Legislative and budget proposals
- Redesign Core Concepts
- Current statute (RCW 43.20.270-280)
- And more

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The Health Disparities Council is recommending updates to our statute, the law that directs our work, to incorporate 17 years of work and learning addressing health disparities in Washington State.



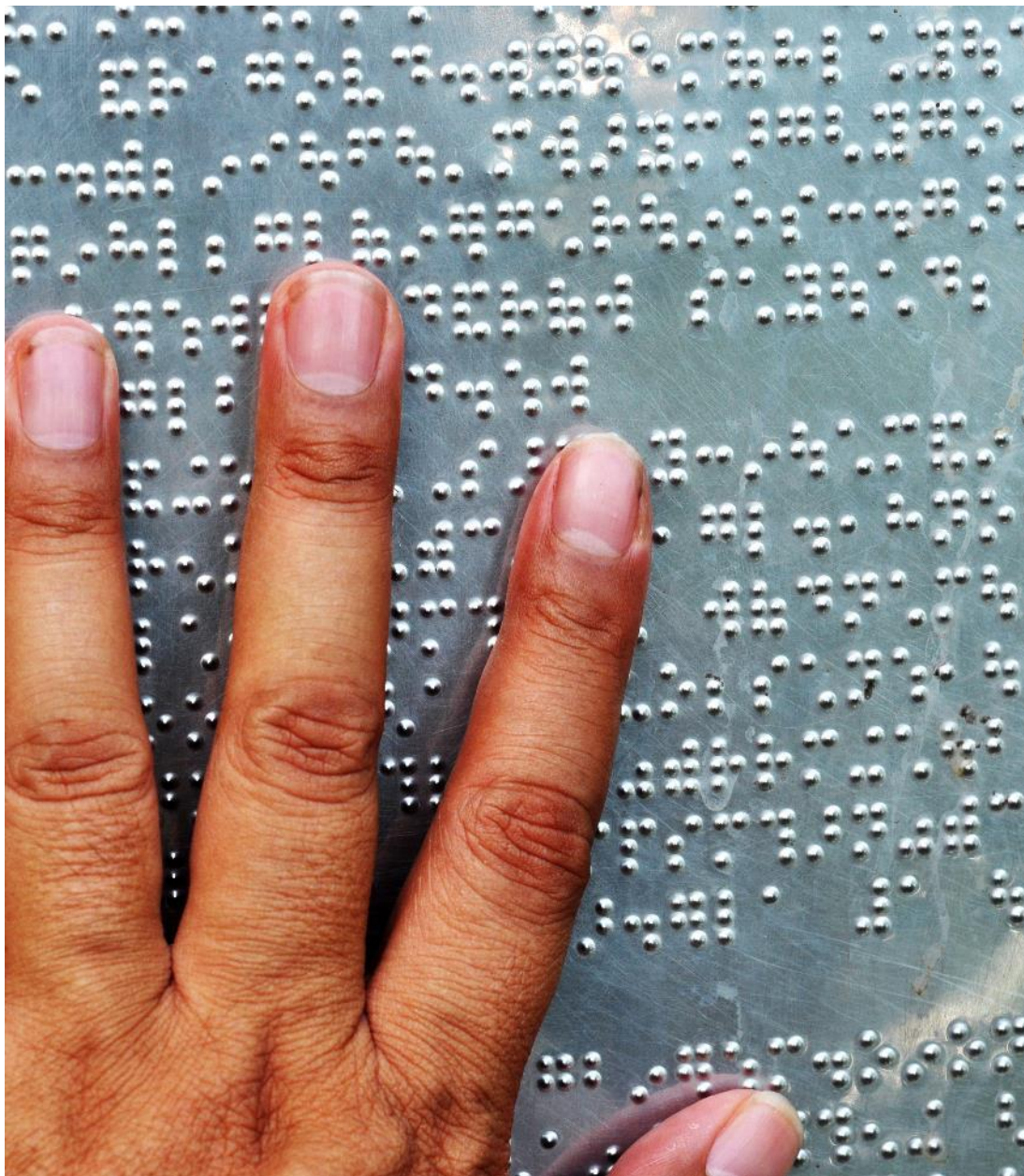
REDESIGN PROCESS

- Focus on this effort through **redesign workshops**.
- **Center the Council's vision and operating principles**.
- **Engage partners** to learn how the Council can lead or support unified goals.
- **Review laws** that govern the Council's authority (RCW [43.20.270-280](#), etc.) and **recommend specific updates**.
- Develop and advance a **legislative proposal** that seeks to change relevant laws.



Foundational Truths

- Racism is a public health crisis.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened conditions for communities.
- Community holds inherent power.
- There are many dimensions to health and wellbeing.
- We are interconnected.





Areas of Statute

Intent	What the state hopes to achieve.
Purpose	Reason for being, including our main role and the need(s) we must address.
Power & Responsibilities	How we operate and the channels we use to achieve our purpose, make impact, and exercise influence. Interaction with key partners. Accountability measures.
Deliverables	Products we must deliver, to whom, and the frequency.
Structure	Group classification, membership, subcommittees, etc.
Staffing	Staffing level and roles dedicated to our operation.
Funding	Funding level and source(s) to achieve our purpose and sustain efforts.

Timeline for Legislative Proposal



REDESIGN WORKSHOPS

HEALTH EQUITY
Governor's Interagency Council
on Health Disparities

MAY 10, 2023

NO RESTRUCTURE WORKSHOP



adjust workshop design

PAUSE TO GET PERSPECTIVE

How can we make better show our progress?

1:1s with Council Members

6. Contribute to initiatives that UNIFY PARTNERS, ALIGN EFFORTS & reinforce ACCOUNTABILITY

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HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW

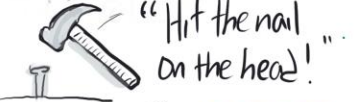
1. Establish **HEALTH AS A RIGHT**
2. Advance **HEALTH EQUITY**
3. CHANGE the **NARRATIVE** around health & wellbeing
4. Focus on **ROOT CAUSES**



DETAILED INPUT ON DRAFT STATUTE LANGUAGE

Many **CHANGES** & **ADDITIONS**

Challenging general language **BE SPECIFIC. NAME IT!**



EMERGING COUNCIL STRUCTURE & MEMBERSHIP

How to balance



7. Proactively **SUPPORT COMMUNITIES** in building POWER

"We are highlighting & centering those most impacted by racism & oppression."
- Ben Danielson

8. Update **COUNCIL STRUCTURE & MEMBERSHIP**

Need a **BROAD APPROACH** to create an enduring document

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Redesign Core Concepts

1. Establish health as a right
2. Advance health equity
3. Change the narrative around health and wellbeing
4. Focus on root causes
5. Position the Council to develop and advocate policy recommendations
6. Contribute to initiatives that unify partners, align efforts, and reinforce accountability
7. Proactively support communities in building power
8. Update Council structure and membership

Access the full core concepts presentation [online](#).



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