



**Date:** December 14, 2023

**To:** Members of the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities

**From:** LinhPhụng Huỳnh, Council Manager

**Subject:** Review January 2024 State Action Plan

### **Background and Summary**

In accordance with statute and recommendations from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC), the Council submits an action plan report to the Governor and legislature every two years. The Council has not submitted an update to our State Action Plan since January 2020 due to significant impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, special projects assigned by the legislature (i.e., task forces), understaffing for the Council, and Council staff transition.

Today, Council members have the opportunity to review and discuss the draft text for the *January 2024 State Action Plan* report. This latest report:

- Provides an update on the Council's activities since late 2019;
- Conveys the Council redesign purpose and process; and
- Outlines recommendations for updates to the Council's authorizing statute and increased fiscal investment in Council operations as important action for promoting health justice and equity in Washington.

As was done with past reports, I am recommending the Council discuss the draft text, incorporate changes from today's discussion that the whole Council determines should be moved forward, and authorize the Council Chair to approve the final report on the Council's behalf.

### **Recommended Council Action**

After reviewing draft text for the *January 2024 State Action Plan*, the Council may choose to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

**Proposed Motion:** The Council approves in concept the draft text of the January 2024 State Action Plan as reviewed on December 14, 2023; directs staff to incorporate changes from today's discussion as necessary; and authorizes the Chair to approve the final report for submittal to the Governor and legislature.

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