



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 21, 2018

Resolution No. 18-03

Proposed No. 18-03.2

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION adopting the 2018 work plan for
2 the King County Board of Health.

3 WHEREAS, Washington state law vests in the King County Board of Health
4 broad authority and responsibility to protect the health of the people of King County
5 through including, but not limited to, the enactment of rules and regulations, guidelines
6 and recommendations and resolutions to preserve, promote and improve the public
7 health; the prevention and control of contagious diseases; and the establishment of fees
8 for health-related licenses and permits, and

9 WHEREAS, through resolutions the King County Board of Health has adopted
10 annual work programs since 2006 to carry out its responsibilities, and

11 WHEREAS, consistent with its adopted goals in 2017, the King County Board of
12 Health: adopted rules and regulations relating to food safety ratings for food service
13 establishments, and permits for farmers market and temporary food establishments;
14 adopted a rules and regulation regarding rabies vaccination requirements for dogs, cats,
15 ferrets and livestock; adopted a rule and regulation relating to disclosure of information
16 by limited service pregnancy centers; and adopted resolutions regarding, for example,
17 endorsing the Heroin and Prescription Opiate Addiction Task Force Final Report, and
18 calling on lawmakers to take meaningful action to address firearm tragedy, and

19 WHEREAS, in 2018, the King County Board of Health will hold regular meetings

20 on the third Thursday of the month, and

21 WHEREAS, the priorities set for the King County Board of Health in 2018
22 include: prevention strategies; health system transformation; public health financing;
23 healthy housing; environmental health; health care for the homeless; and items of interest
24 and emerging issues;


25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
26 County:

27 The 2018 King County Board of Health Work Plan, Attachment A to this
28 resolution, is hereby adopted.
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Resolution No. 18-03 was introduced on and passed as amended by the Board of Health on 2/15/2018, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Lambert, Dr. Danielson, Ms. Bagshaw, Mr. McDermott,
Mr. Dembowski, Ms. Honda, Dr. Daniell, Ms. Juarez, Ms. Birney and
Ms. Mosqueda
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: A. 2018 King County Board of Health Work Plan dated February 15, 2018

2018 King County Board of Health Work Plan

The Board of Health work plan focuses on actions and policies that address the major causes of poor health in King County. The Board of Health is committed to improving the health of all residents in King County and focuses specifically on addressing health disparities impacting the most vulnerable of our community. Potential policies will be developed through an equity and social justice lens with the goal of mitigating health disparities related to race, gender, economic status and place.

The Board of Health will focus on the following topic areas in 2018:

- **Disease Prevention**, including cancer
- **Promoting Healthy Environments**, including housing
- **Addressing Emerging Threats to Public Health**, including gun violence and the opioid epidemic

A comprehensive list of the Board's intended activities is outlined below:

Prevent and mitigate the effects of toxics in our environments

- Cancer Prevention
 - Vaping, cannabis and other tobacco-related policies
 - Monitor state cannabis legislation with particular focus on youth access and distribution of I-502 revenues to prevention and education activities
 - Consider local regulation of smokeless tobacco in sports venues and parks
 - Tobacco 21 – support state legislation to raise legal age to purchase
- Reproductive and sexual health
 - Prevent toxics in our environments

Healthy eating and active living

- Adverse health effects of soda and sugar sweetened beverages
- Update on Seattle's sugar and sweetened beverage tax
- Examine food deserts and their impact on health outcomes

Health System Transformation in King County

- Status report on the design of the Accountable Community of Health, a regional-level collaborative structure, to maximize prevention and reduce health inequities
- Monitor opportunities and threats related to changes to the Affordable Care Act including changes in access to preventative services and other federal funding mechanisms including the Medicaid 1115 waiver
- Regional health coverage
- Monitor efforts to integrate behavioral health and physical health

Public Health Financing

- Support state public health funding in alignment with the Foundational Public Health Services
- Monitor financing opportunities and innovative state funding mechanisms

Healthy Housing

- Consider proposed Healthy Housing Guidelines & Recommendations

Environmental Health

- Local Hazardous Waste Management
 - Oversee implementation of the Secure Medicine Return Rule & Regulation
 - Approve 2018 fee update
- Complete Seattle Code Merger
- Climate Change and Health
- Update bathroom requirements

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Homelessness and health

- Briefing on Healthcare for the Homeless Network governance changes
- Impact of homelessness on health
- Encampment guidelines
- Review the effect of displacement on health
- Examine unsheltered homelessness from a public health perspective

Gun violence prevention and gun safety

- Analyze if the City of Seattle's gun acquisition program can be expanded County-wide
- Learn about how schools across King County are preparing for gun violence, and what can be done to support children, families and schools

Items of Interest & Emerging Issues

- Annual report from the Public Health Director
- Public health approach to juvenile justice
- Opioid abuse – follow up on the 2016 Heroin Opioid Addiction Task Force Recommendations and move to implement universal availability of Naloxone for King County first responders.
- Trauma informed health department
- Bike helmet law, bike share programs

Required Written Reports

- Farmers Market Performance Report – Environmental Health
- Fee Status Report – Environmental Health
- Secure medicine return updates