



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 21, 2014

Resolution 14-03

Proposed No. 14-03.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the exploration of a
2 voluntary regional collaborative for the purpose of
3 improving the health and well-being of King County
4 residents.

5 WHEREAS, the King County region faces significant and disturbing inequities in
6 the health and well-being of its residents, and

7 WHEREAS, those inequities impede the ability of individuals to reach their full
8 potential and also threaten the future prosperity of the region overall, and

9 WHEREAS, eliminating inequities requires addressing the social, economic and
10 physical conditions of communities and neighborhoods because health is most affected
11 by where people live, learn, work and play, and

12 WHEREAS, there is growing recognition that partnerships between the health
13 sector and other sectors such as early childhood, employment, housing, human services,
14 education and community development hold the potential to generate new opportunities
15 to improve health, and

16 WHEREAS, in 2013 King County worked with community partners to inform a
17 Health and Human Services Transformation Plan that calls for improving health and
18 well-being by shifting from a sick-care, crisis-oriented system to one that emphasizes
19 prevention and supports recovery, and

20 WHEREAS, in 2014 a voluntary, cross-sector group of community
21 representatives known as the Advising Partners Group agreed to come together to
22 strategize on the most effective ways for the Transformation Plan to meet its goal, and

23 WHEREAS, Washington state recently developed and issued a State Health Care
24 Innovation Plan, which promotes a phased movement toward a whole-person approach to
25 care that integrates physical health, mental health, substance abuse services and social
26 services, and

27 WHEREAS, the State Health Care Innovation Plan recognizes that place matters
28 when it comes to the health of the population, that local communities can bring about
29 changes to improve health and that support is needed for voluntary regional
30 collaboratives to improve health and lower costs, and

31 WHEREAS, in 2014 the Washington state Legislature passed Engrossed Second
32 Substitute House Bill 2572 to enable implementation of the Innovation Plan and the
33 Governor approved it April 4, 2014, and

34 WHEREAS, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2572 calls upon the Health
35 Care Authority to pilot two voluntary regional collaboratives known as Communities of
36 Health, whose purpose is to align actions to achieve healthy communities and
37 populations, improve health care quality and lower costs, and

38 WHEREAS, Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2572 indicates that entities
39 seeking designation as Communities of Health should be nonprofits or public-private
40 partnerships including those led by local public health agencies, and

41 WHEREAS, Public Health-Seattle & King County is charged with protecting and
42 improving the health and well-being of all people in King County and is committed to
43 reducing health and social inequities;

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
45 County:

46 A. The Board of Health encourages Public Health-Seattle & King County to
47 collaborate with the King County department of community and human services,
48 Washington state and community stakeholders to explore the development of a
49 Community of Health for the King County region.


50 B. The Board of Health encourages building upon voluntary structures and

51 public-private collaborations already in place or in formation that bring together different
52 fields that are working to improve the health and well-being of county residents.
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Resolution 14-03 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 4/17/2014,
by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Ms. Lambert, Mr. Licata, Dr. Nicola, Dr. Baker, Dr.
Danielson, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Ms. Sawant and
Winstead
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Ms. Clark and Ms. Wales

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None