



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

March 5, 2008

Resolution

Proposed No. 08-01.1

1 A RESOLUTION adopting the 2008 scope of work for the
2 King County Board of Health.

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4 WHEREAS, Washington state law vests in the King County Board of Health
5 supervision over all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the
6 people of King County, including, but not limited to: the enactment of rules and
7 regulations to preserve, promote and improve the public health; the prevention and
8 control of contagious diseases; and the establishment of fees for health-related licenses
9 and permits; and

10 WHEREAS, through resolution the King County Board of Health adopted work
11 programs in 2006 and 2007 to carry out its responsibilities; and

12 WHEREAS, establishment of the 2006 and 2007 work programs focused the
13 Board's efforts, resulting in significant accomplishments for 2006 and 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2006, consistent with the 2006 work program, the board: held
15 meetings throughout King County; held its first-ever retreat; played an instrumental role
16 in the development of the Public Health Operational Master Plan ("PHOMP"); reviewed
17 and provided input to the county council on the executive's proposed budget for the

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18 Seattle-King County department of public health; and successfully advocated for
19 measures to reduce obesity, drowning, health disparities and domestic violence, and

20 WHEREAS, in 2007, the King County Board of Health adopted goals related to
21 the PHOMP, obesity prevention and public health financing, and adopted a work program
22 supporting those goals, and

23 WHEREAS, consistent its adopted goals, in 2007 the King County Board of
24 Health: approved the PHOMP policy framework and operational and financing
25 recommendations, setting the strategic direction for the future of public health in King
26 County; passed rules and regulations eliminating transfats in restaurants and requiring
27 chain food establishments to provide nutritional information to consumers on menus and
28 menu boards; successfully advocated for increased state financing for public health;
29 established a call to action for HIV prevention, resulting in specific strategies and
30 increased local financing to reduce new HIV infections; adopted regulations on smoking
31 consistent with those of the state to allow for better local enforcement; reviewed and
32 provided feedback to the county council on the executive's proposed 2008 budget for the
33 department of public health, ensuring that the budget supports the policies adopted by the
34 board in the PHOMP; played a role in the selection and hiring of a new director for the
35 department of public health; and held meetings throughout the county and met jointly
36 with the state Board of Health, and

37 WHEREAS, the adopted PHOMP Policy Framework for the Health of the Public
38 specifies the goal for the department of public health in King County as to "protect and
39 improve the health and well-being of all people in King County, as defined by per person
40 healthy years lived," and

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41 WHEREAS, the guiding principles adopted in the PHOMP specify that public
42 health strategies shall be based on science and evidence, focused on prevention, centered
43 on the community and driven by social justice to proactively pursue the elimination of
44 health disparities, and

45 WHEREAS, the PHOMP contains specific goals and strategies for the next four
46 years in each of the public health functions of protection, promotion and provision as
47 well as for organizational attributes of the department of public health and financing for
48 public health services, and

49 WHEREAS, in 2008 the King County Board of Health will hold regular meetings
50 on the third Thursday of the month and intends to hold special meetings at locations
51 throughout the county;

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
53 County:

54 A. The 2008 scope of work for the King County Board of Health shall be
55 consistent with the policies adopted in the PHOMP. Accordingly, the King County
56 Board of Health shall work to increase healthy years lived in King County.

57 B. The King County Board of Health hereby adopts the 2008 scope of work in
58 each of the areas of protection, promotion, provision and financing and organizational
59 attributes as described in "King County Board of Health 2008 Scope of Work,"
60 Attachment A to this resolution.

61 C. The King County Board of Health intends that committees be established in
62 2008 in each of the following six areas in order to accomplish the adopted scope of work:
63 zoonotics, local hazardous waste, obesity prevention, injury prevention, provision and

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64 financing and performance measurement. Each committee shall develop a work program
65 consistent with the scope of work in Attachment A to this resolution and that shall be
66 reviewed and approved by the board. In accordance with the PHOMP guiding principle
67 "Based on Science and Evidence," each committee's work program shall include expected
68 outcomes and measures of success for its work. In accordance with the PHOMP guiding
69 principle "Driven by Social Justice," each committee's work program shall include a plan
70 for how it will address health disparities, if and as appropriate.

71 D. In accordance with the adopted Operating Rules of the King County Board of
72 Health, the chair of the King County Board of Health shall appoint members to each of
73 the committees. In accordance with the PHOMP guiding principle "Centered on the
74 Community," committees may include members who are not members of the King
75 County Board of Health.

76 E. The King County Board of Health intends that the onsite sewage committee
77 continue as established in 2007 until the completion of its work in 2008.

78 F. The King County Board of Health recognizes that the work of public health
79 must remain flexible and responsive to emerging health needs and conditions. The board

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80 shall maintain flexibility within its schedule to attend to emergent issues that significantly
81 impact the life and health of the people of King County.

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Resolution was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 1/17/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Clark, Mr. Rasmussen,
Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Frisinger, Dr. Nicola, Ms. Manning, Dr. Counts and Mr.
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No: 0
Excused: 3 - Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Gossett

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments King County Board of Health 2008 Scope of Work