



King County

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516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda Board of Health

Metropolitan King County Councilmembers:

*Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Chair
Kathy Lambert, Joe McDermott, Vice Chair
Alternate: Rod Dembowski*

Seattle City Councilmembers:

Andrew Lewis, Tammy Morales, Teresa Mosqueda; Alternate: Lorena Gonzalez

Sound Cities Association Members:

*David Baker, Susan Honda
Alternates: Krystal Marx; Janice Zahn*

Health Professionals: *Bill Daniell, MD, MPH; Christopher Delecki, DDS, MBA, MPH, Vice Chair*

Non-Voting: *Butch de Castro, PhD, MSN/MPH, RN, FAAN*

Director, Seattle-King County

Department of Public Health: *Patty Hayes*

Staff: *Susie Levy, Board Administrator (206) 263-8328*

1:00 PM

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Room 1001

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members
4. Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2019 pg 5
5. Public Comments
6. Chair's Report
7. Director's Report



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8. Reappointment of Health Professional**Discussion and Possible Action****9. [Resolution No. 20-05](#) pg 9**

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state Legislature to support funding for foundational public health services.

Patty Hayes, Director, Public Health – Seattle & King County

Anne Burkland, State & Local Affairs, Public Health – Seattle & King County

10. [Resolution No. 20-01](#) pg 13

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state Legislature to restore local authority to enact local firearm policies and pursue firearm policies that would benefit all Washington residents' health and safety.

Karyn Brownson, Community Safety Manager - Violence & Injury Prevention Unit, Public Health – Seattle & King County

Anne Burkland, State & Local Affairs, Public Health – Seattle & King County

11. [Resolution No. 20-03](#) pg 17

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state Legislature to expand affordable health care coverage to all Washington residents.

Ingrid Ulrey, Policy Director, Public Health – Seattle & King County

Anne Burkland, State & Local Affairs, Public Health – Seattle & King County

12. [Resolution No. 20-04](#) pg 19

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state Legislature to adopt broad regulations to protect Washington's youth from the potential harmful effects of vapor product use.

Scott Neal, Tobacco Prevention Program Manager, Public Health – Seattle & King County

Anne Burkland, State & Local Affairs, Public Health – Seattle & King County

13. [Resolution No. 20-02](#) pg 23

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state Legislature to address climate change and its health impacts, with a focus on communities disproportionately impacted by health inequities.

Sam Porter, Senior Legislative Analyst, King County Council Central Staff

Rachel Brombaugh, Energy Policy and Partnerships Specialist, Office of King County Executive Dow Constantine

14. Board Member Updates

15. Administrator's Report

16. Other Business

Adjournment

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Sally Bagshaw, Vice Chair; Debora Juarez, Teresa Mosqueda;

Alternate: Bruce Harrell

Sound Cities Association Members:

Angela Birney, Vice Chair; Susan Honda

Alternates: David Baker; Krystal Marx

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Delecki, DDS, MBA, MPH, Vice Chair

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1:00 PM

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Room 1001

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 6 - Ms. Bagshaw, Dr. Daniell, Dr. Delecki, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Mr. McDermott and Dr. de Castro

Excused: 5 - Ms. Birney, Ms. Honda, Ms. Juarez, Ms. Lambert and Ms. Mosqueda

3. **Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members**

There were no alternates serving in place of regular members. Also in attendance was Boardmember de Castro.

4. **Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2019**

The minutes were not approved.

5. Public Comments

The following people spoke:

Marguerite Richard

Antony Robinson

Abigail Echo-Hawk

Kassech Zenebe

Mina Cook

6. Chair's Report

Boardmember Kohl-Welles announced that the Board subcommittee focused on addressing gender-based violence has convened. This subcommittee is co-chaired by community partners Abigail Echo-Hawk and Sofia Locklear from the Urban Indian Health Institute and Mary Ellen Stone from King County Sexual Assault Resource Center. As part of that work, Urban Indian Health Institute requested the Board weigh in and support their requests of the Washington State Patrol to improve on their work to address the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girl's Crisis (MMIWG). In 2018 House Bill 2951 ordered a study to determine how to increase reporting and investigation of missing Native American and mandated the Washington State Patrol (WSP) to determine the scope of the MMIWG problem, identify barriers, create partnerships to increase reporting and investigations, and compile and analyze available data of missing Native women. Boardmember Kohl-Welles presented a final draft letter from the Board of Health to the WSP in support of UIHI's community driven recommendations.

7. Director's Report

Patty Hayes, Director, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health, invited Jeff Duchin, Health Officer, Public Health - Seattle & King County, to report on the Seattle Children's Hospital Aspergillus outbreak. Dr. Duchin announced plans to make changes in the requirements for reporting healthcare-associated Aspergillus mold infections at King County health care facilities. Public Health Seattle & King County said reporting the infections in a standardized way will help facilitate prompt outbreak recognition.

Ms. Hayes indicated that the Center for Disease Control have reported 2,100 national cases of lung injuries due to vaping. She also reported that fentanyl continues to be a challenge for youth.

Briefings

8. **BOH Briefing No. 19-B23**

Health Impacts of Climate Change

Dr. Duchin provided a briefing on health impacts of climate change. The Chair invited Megan Smith, Director of Climate and Energy Initiatives, Office of the King County Executive; Jamie Stroble, Climate Engagement & Community Partnerships Specialists, King County Climate Action Team; Nancy Huizar and Vera Hoang, Got Green; Nourah Yonous, African Women's Business Alliance; and Sameth Mell, Coalition of Immigrants, Refugees and Communities of Color (CIRCC), Cambodian American Community Council, to provide an update on King County's Strategic Action Plan.

This matter was Presented

9. **Board Member Updates**

Dr. Delecki reported that there will be a Healthy Eating Committee meeting in December. He also thanked Sally Bagshaw for her service.

10. **Administrator's Report**

No report was given.

11. **Other Business**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature

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Signature Report

Resolution

Proposed No. 20-05.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state
2 Legislature to support funding for foundational public
3 health services.

4 WHEREAS, the public health system in Washington provides the foundation for
5 the larger health framework, working to prevent illness and disease while supporting the
6 work of community partners, and

7 WHEREAS, tracking, responding to and preventing costly disease outbreaks is
8 essential to protecting the public's health, and

9 WHEREAS, state, local and tribal public health officials, together with local
10 leaders, have identified an agreed-upon set of foundational public health services that
11 should be available for every Washingtonian, and

12 WHEREAS, no state or local public health department should be without
13 foundational public health components and programs which include communicable
14 disease control, chronic disease and injury prevention, environmental public health,
15 maternal, child and family health, and access to and linkage with clinical care; and

16 WHEREAS, after a century of increasing life expectancies, these gains are
17 threatened by new and more complex diseases and emerging threats, putting today's
18 children at risk of becoming the first generation to have shorter life expectancies than
19 their parents, and

20 WHEREAS, public health's ability to address social and community conditions
21 could improve health, life expectancy and quality of life, while also reducing related
22 health care costs and productivity losses, and

23 WHEREAS, the public's well-being is also threatened by public health's inability
24 to meet its basic responsibility to provide those foundational services due to changes in
25 its funding structure, complex and new diseases and growing populations, and

26 WHEREAS, the motor vehicle excise tax was repealed in 2000, leaving the public
27 health system without an adequate and sustainable funding source, and

28 WHEREAS, the Washington state Legislature invested \$22 million for
29 foundational public health services in the 2019-2021 biennium, and

30 WHEREAS, Public Health - Seattle & King County received nearly \$6 million of
31 that investment, and

32 WHEREAS, due to that funding, Public Health - Seattle & King County: notified
33 partners infected with sexually transmitted diseases; increased partnerships with health
34 care systems to implement best practices that keep patients safe; and expanded
35 communicable disease response;

36 WHEREAS, Public Health - Seattle & King County's estimated gap for fully
37 funding Foundational Public Health Services is more than \$25 million, and

38 WHEREAS, the \$22 million relied on vapor tax revenue that are not being
39 collected at the rate forecasted, and

40 WHEREAS, without securing ongoing, stable and dedicated funding for
41 foundational public health services, our communities are vulnerable to the spread of
42 healthcare-associated infections and other communicable diseases like hepatitis C,

43 tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases, and

44 WHEREAS, investing in communities to improve the health and well-being of
45 people could also revitalize and improve economic opportunity, enhancing prosperity in
46 the community and for its residents and businesses;

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
48 County:

49 The Board of Health calls on the Washington state Legislature to allocate
50 sustainable and significant funding necessary to support foundational public health

51 services in all communities and allow public health to continue rebuilding its statewide
52 system with added efficiency.

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BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None



Signature Report

Resolution

Proposed No. 20-01.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state
2 Legislature to restore local authority to enact local firearm
3 policies and pursue firearm policies that would benefit all
4 Washington residents' health and safety.

5 WHEREAS, nearly 40,000 Americans die by suicide, homicide or accidents with
6 firearms each year, and

7 WHEREAS, in 2013, the King County Board of Health passed a resolution
8 calling on lawmakers to take meaningful action to address gun violence and committing
9 to supporting efforts to reduce gun violence and supporting a strong mental health system
10 which includes prevention and early intervention services, and

11 WHEREAS, in 2017 firearms accounted for 49 percent of suicides in Washington
12 State and suicides made up 75 percent of firearm deaths during the same year, and

13 WHEREAS, in 2017, the King County Board of Health passed a resolution
14 calling on lawmakers to take meaningful action to address firearm tragedy, and

15 WHEREAS, during the 2015-16 school year, the Washington state
16 Superintendent of Public Instruction reported 130 incidents involving a gun on school
17 premises, transportation systems or school facilities, and

18 WHEREAS, in 2017, 39,773 people died from gun-related injuries in the United
19 States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and

20 WHEREAS, in 2017, 849 deaths were caused by firearms in Washington state,
21 and

22 WHEREAS, in 2016 and 2017, 298 King County residents were hospitalized for
23 nonfatal injuries from firearms including 25 children under 18, and

24 WHEREAS, in King County, firearm fatalities cost approximately \$220 million in
25 medical costs and lost productivity each year, and

26 WHEREAS, in 2018 the King County Board of Health adopted BOH18-04,
27 requiring firearm dealers to post signs informing purchasers that firearms in the home
28 significantly increase the risk of suicide, homicide, death during domestic violence
29 disputes and unintentional deaths to children, household members and others, and

30 WHEREAS, in July 2019 the King County Board of Health held a two-day Gun
31 Violence Prevention Summit to discuss issues related to gun violence in King County and
32 hear from communities impacted by gun violence, health professionals, and researchers
33 in the field of gun violence prevention;

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
35 County:

36 A. The Board of Health calls on the Washington state Legislature to eliminate
37 state preemption and restore the authority of local and municipal governments to enact
38 laws related to guns and firearms that build upon state law, prevent harm and injury and
39 promote the ability of all residents to thrive;

40 B. The Board of Health supports state level firearm policies and funding that
41 would benefit all Washington residents' health and safety such as:

42 1. Ending sales of high-capacity assault weapons and ammunition;

- 43 2. Strengthening and streamlining the state's background check system;
- 44 3. Enhancing mental health care and services for residents and communities
- 45 impacted by gun violence;
- 46 4. Building our knowledge on the impact of guns in our communities by
- 47 improving data collection, sharing and tracing of firearms used in crime, including
- 48 reporting lost or stolen firearms;
- 49 5. Requiring all people who legally own firearms have appropriate safety
- 50 training; and
- 51 6. Strengthening community-based efforts to prevent violence.
- 52 C. The Board of Health commits to continuing to build a public health and safety

53 approach to firearm injury prevention, in partnership with government agencies and
54 institutions, community-based organizations and members of impacted communities.
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BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None



Signature Report

Resolution

Proposed No. 20-03.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state
2 Legislature to expand affordable health care coverage to all
3 Washington residents.

4 WHEREAS, as a result of the Affordable Care Act, more people than ever have
5 health insurance, and Washington reduced the rate of uninsured individuals by half, and

6 WHEREAS, nearly 500,000 people remain uninsured in our state because
7 insurance is unaffordable or because they are ineligible for public programs, and

8 WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health passed Resolution 18-01 in
9 January 2018 in support of expanding coverage and lowering barriers for low-income
10 residents, including those who are unable to afford private insurance and unable to access
11 Medicare, Medicaid and subsidized plans because of eligibility requirements, and

12 WHEREAS, health care access is a statewide challenge that requires a statewide
13 solution, and

14 WHEREAS, Washington took a major step forward in improving affordability by
15 creating the public option, which is Cascade Care, and

16 WHEREAS, in the 2019 Washington state legislative session, several bills were
17 introduced to expand health care coverage including extending the length of coverage for
18 Washington's Pregnancy Medical Program and expansion of Apple Health up to the age
19 of 26;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
21 County:

22 The Board of Health calls on the Washington state Legislature to build on
23 Washington's progress with innovations to increase access to health care coverage for
24 those who are not eligible for current federal subsidies or public insurance programs.

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BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None



Signature Report

Resolution

Proposed No. 20-04.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state
2 Legislature to adopt broad regulations to protect
3 Washington's youth from the potential harmful effects of
4 vapor product use.

5 WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, the prevalence of
6 tobacco smoking has decreased steadily since the beginning of the twenty-first century,
7 and

8 WHEREAS, in 2016 the United States Office of the Surgeon General released a
9 report on E-Cigarette Use Among Youth and Young Adults, and

10 WHEREAS, most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, a highly addictive chemical that
11 can harm adolescent brain development, and

12 WHEREAS, the younger an individual start using nicotine, the more likely they
13 will become addicted, and

14 WHEREAS, one in four high school seniors in King County report vaping in the
15 past 30 days, and

16 WHEREAS, on July 18, 2019, the King County Board of Health was briefed on
17 vaping in King County by Public Health - Seattle & King County subject matter experts
18 and representatives from the youth, LGBTQ and educator communities on the impacts of
19 vaping and their experience, and

20 WHEREAS, as of December 27, 2019, a total of 2,561 hospitalized cases of lung
21 injury associated with vaping known as EVALI, including 55 deaths, have been reported
22 to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("the CDC"), and

23 WHEREAS, as of December 12, 2019, seven incidents of severe lung disease
24 associated with vaping have been reported in King County, and

25 WHEREAS, on September 27, 2019, Governor Jay Inslee issued Executive Order
26 19-03 that directed the Washington state Department of Health to ban flavored vapor
27 products and work to identify the cause of a recent outbreak of vaping-related lung
28 injuries, and

29 WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health submitted a letter to the
30 Washington state Board of Health supporting the need to act and demonstrating the King
31 County Board of Health's commitment to taking action to prevent vaping-related lung
32 injuries, and

33 WHEREAS, the Washington state Board of Health adopted an emergency rule to
34 create chapter 246-80 WAC to ban the sale of flavored vapor products for 120 days
35 beginning October 10, 2019, and

36 WHEREAS, on November 18, 2019, the Washington state Board of Health
37 adopted a new section to their emergency rule that bans the sale of vapor products
38 containing vitamin E acetate due to the prevalence of this compound in laboratory test
39 samples conducted by the CDC, and

40 WHEREAS, as of January 2, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("the
41 FDA") stated that to date, no e-cigarette or other electronic nicotine delivery systems
42 ("ENDS") products have been authorized by the FDA, which means that all ENDS

43 products currently on the market are considered illegally marketed and are subject to
44 enforcement, at any time, at the FDA's discretion, and

45 WHEREAS, on January 2, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a
46 notice that they intend to prioritize enforcement of only some illegally marketed ENDS
47 products by focusing on flavored, cartridge-based ENDS products and not menthol, and

48 WHEREAS, cartridge-based ENDS products are the primary vaping products
49 used by minors and menthol is the most popular e-cigarette flavor used by teens, and

50 WHEREAS, mint is the herb plant that produces menthol, and

51 WHEREAS, cartridge-based ENDS products, while not sold as refillable, are in
52 fact easily refillable with e-liquid products that will remain on the shelves in thousands of
53 sweet candy-like flavors, and

54 WHEREAS, 97 percent of youth who vape used a flavored e-cigarette in the past
55 month and most students report vaping for flavor, and

56 WHEREAS, Washington state law preempts local jurisdictions from enacting
57 policies locally that could be more stringent than state law to prohibit youth from access
58 to vapor products;

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF
60 KING COUNTY:

61 The Board of Health encourages the Washington state Legislature to adopt broad

62 regulations to protect Washington's youth from the potential harmful effects of vapor
63 product use.
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BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None



Signature Report

Resolution

Proposed No. 20-02.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging the Washington state
2 Legislature to address climate change and its health
3 impacts, with a focus on communities disproportionately
4 impacted by health inequities.

5 WHEREAS, climate change is recognized as a serious health threat that is already
6 affecting people and communities across King County and the state, and

7 WHEREAS, climate change threatens the quality of human health and life.
8 Projected local impacts include more extreme heat days, more poor air quality days from
9 larger and more frequent wildfires, and heavier and more frequent rain storms and
10 flooding, with associated increases in respiratory, cardiovascular, heat-related and
11 infectious diseases, mental health impacts and hospitalizations and deaths, and

12 WHEREAS, due to existing health inequities and individual susceptibilities,
13 certain populations in our community are more susceptible to and harmed by the impacts
14 of climate change, such as children, older adults, pregnant women, those with chronic
15 health conditions, communities of color, low-income households and those experiencing
16 homelessness, and

17 WHEREAS, the federal administration continues to roll back clean air and energy
18 efficiency rules, weaken vehicle fuel efficiency standards, and scale back federal efforts
19 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support our communities' work to respond to

20 local climate change impacts, making state and local climate action more important than
21 ever, and

22 WHEREAS there will be more demand for county resources, as the need for
23 mitigation, emergency services, health care and other services increase, and

24 WHEREAS in 2018, Public Health - Seattle & King County released the
25 Blueprint for Addressing Climate Change and Health, which outlines an approach to
26 incorporating health and equity into climate change planning across King County and
27 provides a framework for organizing across the Public Health agency and with partners,
28 and

29 WHEREAS, on November 19, 2019, the King County Board of Health held a
30 briefing on the health impacts of climate change, and

31 WHEREAS, King County is currently updating the Strategic Climate Action Plan
32 with a focus on centering frontline communities most impacted by health inequities, and

33 WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health recognizes the progress made at
34 the state level in the 2019 legislative session through Senate Bill 5116, which requires
35 utilities supply 100-percent-carbon-free electricity supplies by 2045, and in House Bill
36 1112, which regulates and restricts most uses of hydrofluorocarbons by 2024, and

37 WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health is committed to addressing climate
38 change as part of our role to address health inequities, and

39 WHEREAS, equity and social justice should be considered first and foremost for
40 climate policy, planning and action;

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
42 County:

43 The Board of Health requests the Washington state Legislature to work with
44 urgency to address climate change and its health impacts, centering on communities
45 disproportionately impacted by health inequities by taking immediate action to rapidly
46 decrease greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions throughout the state, and across all sectors,
47 by passing legislation implementing the changes articulated by the King County-Cities
48 Climate Collaboration ("K4C"), including, but not limited to, the following actions:

49 A. Support policies that establish and use “cost of carbon” methods for analysis
50 and decision- making;

51 B. Strengthen state climate change targets to align with the state Department of
52 Ecology's 2016 recommendations which are complementary to K4C and the Growth
53 Management Planning Council adopted targets;

54 C. Institute a carbon-pricing mechanism, reinvesting the majority of revenues in
55 projects and services that reduce GHG emissions such as transit service, energy
56 efficiency and renewable energy projects, forest protection and restoration and others.
57 Also, prioritize investments that benefit communities most impacted by climate change
58 and ensure a just transition for workers in fossil fuel industries; and

59 D. Support additional policies and actions at the state level to rapidly decrease

60 GHG emissions, create the infrastructure for an economy based on renewable energy and
61 fund efforts to mitigate and adapt to the worst effects of climate change.
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ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None