



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Agenda Board of Health

**Metropolitan King County Councilmembers:** Teresa Mosqueda, Chair; Reagan Dunn, Rhonda Lewis, Pete von Reichbauer  
Alternate:

**City of Seattle Members:** Dionne Foster, Debora Juarez, Alexis Mercedes Rinck  
Alternate: Rob Saka

**Sound Cities Association Members:** Barb de Michele, Amy Falcone, Victoria Schroff  
Alternates: Hugo Garcia, Satwinder Kaur, Cheryl Paquette,

**Public Health, Facilities, and Providers:** Butch de Castro, PhD, MSN MPH, RN, FAAN;  
Lisa Chew, MD, MPH; Katherine Gudgel, MS  
Alternate:

**Consumers of Public Health:** Quiana Daniels, BS, RN, LPN, Vice Chair;  
Mustafa Mohammed, MD, MBCHB, MHP, LAAC, AAC  
Alternate: LaMont Green (Gullah), DSW

**Community Stakeholders:** Christopher Archiopoli, Victor Loo; Alternate: Francoise Milinganyo

**Muckleshoot Indian Tribe:** Jaison Elkins;  
Alternate: Andrea N. Thomas, MHA

**Snoqualmie Indian Tribe:** Jolene R. Williams, MMC;  
Alternate: Steve de los Angeles

**Seattle Indian Health Board:** Esther Lucero;  
Alternate: Meriah Gille

**Dr. Sandra Valenciano, Health Officer and Interim Director, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health**  
Staff: Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Board Administrator - [KCBOHAdmin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:KCBOHAdmin@kingcounty.gov)

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1:00 PM

Thursday, January 29, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

### SPECIAL MEETING



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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members**
4. **Public Comments**
5. **Chair's Report**
6. **Director's Report**
7. **Election of Chair and Vice Chairs**

## Discussion and Possible Action

8. Resolution No. 26-01 **pg 5**

A RESOLUTION designating the order in which the vice-chairs of the King County Board of Health may act in the absence of the chair in 2026.

## Briefings

9. BOH Briefing No. 26-B01

Board of Health Authority **pg 7**

*Olivia Brey, Legislative Analyst, King County Council  
Sam Porter, Principal Legislative Analyst, King County Council*

10. BOH Briefing No. 26-B02 **pg 9**

Preparing the 2026 Board of Health Workplan

*Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Board of Health Administrator, Public Health – Seattle & King County*

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**11. BOH Briefing No. 26-B03 pg 23**

Policy Co-design Pilot: Food Access

*Ginna Hernandez Rodriguez, Policy Analyst, Public Health – Seattle & King County*

*Elizabeth Kimball, Unit Manager, Healthy Eating Active Living, Public Health – Seattle & King County*

*Barbara Barquero, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, University of Washington, Codesign member*

*Jessica Jeavons, Director of Policy and Strategy, Public Health – Seattle & King County*

**12. Board Member Updates****Adjournment**

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## KING COUNTY

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### Signature Report

#### Resolution

##### Proposed No. 26-01.1

##### Sponsors

1                   A RESOLUTION designating the order in which the vice-  
2                   chairs of the King County Board of Health may act in the  
3                   absence of the chair in 2026.

4                   WHEREAS, on April 16, 2009, the King County Board of Health adopted  
5                   operating rules for the board through BOH R&R 09-04, and

6                   WHEREAS, on November 20, 2025, the King County Board of Health adopted  
7                   BOH R&R 25-03 updating the membership of the board in accordance with Chapter 260,  
8                   Laws of Washington 2025, modifying the structure of local boards of health, and

9                   WHEREAS, the adopted operating rules state that the board shall designate  
10                   annually two vice-chairs, one representing the city and county officials, and one  
11                   representing nonelected members, and

12                   WHEREAS, the adopted operating rules state that, in the absence of the chair, a  
13                   vice-chair will exercise the duties, powers and prerogatives of the chair, and

14                   WHEREAS, the adopted operating rules state that each year the board shall  
15                   designate by resolution the order in which the vice-chairs may act in absence of the chair,  
16                   and

17                   WHEREAS, the adopted operating rules state that the order of the vice-chairs  
18                   shall rotate annually;

19                   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF  
20                   KING COUNTY:

Resolution

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21        For 2026, the board designates the following order in which the vice-chairs may  
22    act in absence of the chair:  
23        A. Vice-chair representing city and county officials; and  
24        B. Vice-chair representing nonelected members.

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Teresa Mosqueda, Chair

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Board

**Attachments:** None



## Background and Current Board of Health Membership

In accordance with state law, Ordinance 11178 designated the King County Council as the original King County Board of Health in 1993. In 1995, Ordinance 12098 added councilmembers from the City of Seattle, suburban cities, and three health professionals. Subsequent changes to state law,<sup>1</sup> King County Code,<sup>2</sup> and Board of Health Code<sup>3</sup> have resulted in the current 20-member Board, as shown in Table 1. The Board consists of King County Councilmembers, City of Seattle Councilmembers, elected members selected by the Sound Cities Association (SCA), representatives from the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and the Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB), and nonelected members. The nonelected members represent the following three categories, as defined by state law: public health, health care facilities, and providers; consumers of public health; and other community stakeholders.<sup>4</sup>

**Table 1. Membership of the Board of Health**

Elected Members		Nonelected Members
Primary Members	(1) King County	Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
	(2) King County	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
	(3) King County	Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB)
	(4) King County	(1) Nonelected category in RCW 70.05.035(1)(a)
	(1) City of Seattle	(2) Nonelected category in RCW 70.05.035(1)(a)
	(2) City of Seattle	(3) Nonelected category in RCW 70.05.035(1)(a)
	(3) City of Seattle	(4) Nonelected category in RCW 70.05.035(1)(a)
	(1) Sound Cities Association (SCA)	(5) Nonelected category in RCW 70.05.035(1)(a)
	(2) SCA	(6) Nonelected category in RCW 70.05.035(1)(a)
	(3) SCA	(7) Nonelected category in RCW 70.05.035(1)(a)
Alternate Members	King County alternate	Nonelected alternate - public health, health care facilities, and providers
	City of Seattle alternate	Nonelected alternate - public health consumers
	SCA alternate	Nonelected alternate - community stakeholders
	SCA alternate	Snoqualmie Indian Tribe alternate
	SCA alternate	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe alternate
		SIHB alternate

<sup>1</sup> Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1946

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary/?BillNumber=1946&Year=2025&Initiative=false>

<sup>2</sup> Ordinance 20019 <https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7663049&GUID=1AA6C7F3-23F4-4F71-99A1-06BC1A6D6266&Options=Advanced&Search=>

<sup>3</sup> BOH25-03 <https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7716310&GUID=5A39A89A-2A35-490B-BEOF-0A7F0C1E4BFC&Options=Advanced&Search=>

<sup>4</sup> RCW 70.05.035(1)(a) <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70.05.035>



## Board Functions and Authority

The Board sets county-wide public health policy, enacts local public health regulations, and carries out duties specified in RCW 70.05.060.<sup>5</sup> This includes enforcing state public health statutes, preventing and controlling the spread of infectious disease, abating nuisances, and setting fees<sup>6</sup> for licenses, permits, and other services.

The Board's legislative vehicles include:

- Rules and Regulations (R&R) – have the effect of law and are generally codified
- Guidelines and Recommendations (G&R) – information or guidance for the community and related industries on best practices pertaining to health<sup>7</sup>
- Resolutions – express policy intent and do not have the force of law.

The Code of the Board of Health is a codification of the rules and regulations that the Board of Health adopts including, but not limited to, regulations pertaining to food service, pesticides, the handling of solid waste and hazardous materials, on-site sewage, tobacco products, and swimming pools.<sup>8</sup>

The 2011 interlocal agreement (ILA)<sup>9</sup> between King County and City of Seattle regarding Public Health—Seattle & King County (PHSKC) reinforces that the Board provides policy influence over PHSKC pursuant to RCW 70.05.060<sup>10</sup> and supervises matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people within its jurisdiction.

Under the ILA, the County is responsible for the PHSKC budget, and the City of Seattle has discretion in determining their contribution to PHSKC through the City's budget process. Pursuant to K.C.C. 2.35.051<sup>11</sup> the King County Council holds budgetary authority over operations of PHSKC. The Board does not have budgetary authority.

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<sup>5</sup> RCW 70.05.060 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70.05.060>

<sup>6</sup> Per RCW 70.05.035.1(l) only elected members on the Board may vote on setting or modifying fees.

<sup>7</sup> Guidelines and Recommendations <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/about-king-county/about-public-health/board-of-health/boh-policies/recommendations-guidelines>

<sup>8</sup> King County Board of Health code <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/about-king-county/about-public-health/board-of-health/boh-policies/codes>

<sup>9</sup> Ordinance 17151 <https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=905169&GUID=E2C39999-C5CD-43E0-A687-F9C62E928897&Options=&Search=>

<sup>10</sup> RCW 70.05.060 <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70.05.060>

<sup>11</sup> K.C.C. 2.35.051 [https://aqua.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/code/05\\_Title\\_2.htm#\\_Toc51932415](https://aqua.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/code/05_Title_2.htm#_Toc51932415)

# Preparing the 2026 Board of Health Workplan

Joy Carpine-Cazzanti  
Board of Health Administrator  
January 29, 2026

# Workplan process

- **November and January:** Briefing and Discussion
- **February:** Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution adopting the workplan

## Please note:

- The Chair sets the monthly meeting agendas.
- Agenda items may change as needed throughout the year.
- The Board typically meets ten times each year, as the August and December meetings are usually cancelled.

# Potential Briefings

- Washington State Legislative Session Updates, Wrap-up after session ends
- Foundational Public Health Services funding
- King County Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention updates
- Overdose Prevention and Response
- King County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
- PHSKC Environmental Health Solid Waste future rate planning and Organics Management
- Hazardous Waste Management Program updates

# Potential Briefings

- Transportation Safety: Electric scooters
- Maternal Mortality Review, Supporting Access to Pregnancy-related Health Care
- Sexual health: HIV progress, DoxyPEP, MPOX
- Gender affirming care, behavioral health outcomes
- Life Expectancy and Mortality Rates of Black Males, supporting healthy lives
- 2027 Workplan Discussion
- 2027 Legislative Priorities

# Potential Rules & Regulations

- Winter briefing / Spring vote: Proposed BOH Food Code Changes
- Spring briefing / Autumn vote: Proposed BOH Pet Business/Zoonotic Code and Rates

# Potential Resolutions

- February: Adopting the 2026 Board of Health Workplan
- Winter/Spring: Supporting Foundational Public Health Services funding
- Spring: Recognizing World Tuberculosis Day on March 24
- Autumn: Expanding the Marine Recovery Area on Vashon Island

# Workgroups

- Workgroup Template, adopted May 2025 – see meeting packet
- Proposed: Perinatal Workgroup
- Existing: Homelessness and Health Workgroup
  - Meets quarterly, next meeting in April

# 2027 Board Membership

- June: Briefing on 2027 membership and recruitment
- Positions expiring the end of 2026:
  - Two members representing public health facilities and providers
  - One member representing community stakeholders
  - One alternate representing community stakeholders
- Summer: If any members or the alternate don't opt to continue in 2027, Public Health will recruit to fill the position(s).
- Board Briefings: June, July, September, October
- August/September: Approximately 3 Boardmembers and Administrator interview candidates
- October: Board will consider resolutions identifying candidates for re/appointment.

# Topics to address in Director's Reports/BOH Administrator Updates:

- Addressing health mis- and disinformation
- Crisis Care Center updates
- Emerging issues

# Suggestions or questions?

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# KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH WORKGROUP TEMPLATE

May 15, 2025

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## I. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Chair of the King County Board of Health may create standing and ad hoc committees, or workgroups, to recruit and recommend new Boardmembers and Alternates or provide focused forums for Board members to collaboratively examine critical public health topics. Through balanced, data-informed discussions and a commitment to cultural competence, these workgroups aim to develop impactful recommendations, and align their activities with the Board's overarching strategic goals to promote health equity and well-being for all King County communities.

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## II. OBJECTIVES

### 1. Workgroup Topic Focus and Balanced Analysis

- Concentrate on the chosen workgroup topic, examining the issue from multiple angles.
- Encourage thoughtful debate and discussion that includes diverse perspectives.
- Emphasize cultural competence and equitable access in all considerations.

### 2. Recommendations

- The Workgroup should identify what action will result from the Workgroup's efforts – a proposed rule and regulation, proposed guidelines and recommendations, a proposed resolution, a briefing, a letter or another deliverable.
- If applicable, identify potential internal and external funding opportunities and resource needs to support recommended actions.
- Recommended actions should promote equity and address disparities within the community.

### 3. Performance Monitoring

- Report back as needed to the full Board on findings and proposed actions, ensuring transparency and accountability.

### III. MEMBERSHIP & LEADERSHIP

#### A. Membership

##### 1. Eligibility and Size

- Per BOH Code 2.04.035, Rule 2 section E: The chair may create standing and ad hoc committees of boardmembers and may appoint boardmembers and other persons to any committee to facilitate the performance of the board's functions. If the chair is not leading the committee or workgroup, the group may select a lead or co-leads.
- Each workgroup is limited to a maximum of 8 Board of Health members, ensuring the group does not trigger a quorum of 9 members.
- Board of Health Alternates count towards quorum only if the member they represent is not present.

##### 2. Resignation and Inactive Status

- **Voluntary Exit:** Members may leave at any time by emailing the Chair and the Board Administrator.
- **Inactive Members:** Any member who misses two or more consecutive meetings should be contacted by the Chair to confirm their continued interest.

## IV. SUGGESTED MEETING STRUCTURE

### 1. Frequency and Duration

- Workgroups meet as often as needed and agreed upon by the workgroup or as requested by the Chair.
- Standard meeting length is 1 hour to respect members' time, or as agreed upon to accomplish specific tasks.

### 1. Suggested Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order and Welcome (2–3 minutes)
2. Approval of Agenda (1 minute)
3. Review of Previous Meeting's Notes or Actions (5–10 minutes)
4. Old Business / Ongoing Projects (10–15 minutes)
5. New Business / Main Discussion Topic (20–25 minutes)
6. Action Items and Assignments (5 minutes)
7. Additional Comments or Announcements (2–5 minutes)
8. Confirm Next Meeting Date & Adjourn (1–2 minutes)

### 2. Reporting to the King County Board of Health

- The Chair, a designated member or the Board Administrator provides updates to the King County Board of Health.

## V. COMMUNICATION & TIMELINE GUIDELINES

### 1. Minimal Email Usage

- **Email Use:** Limit email communications to essential updates (e.g., meeting invites, major action items) to respect members' time and diverse language backgrounds.
- **Virtual Meetings:** Workgroups meet virtually unless otherwise agreed upon.

### 2. Workgroup Timing

- Workgroup activities begin or resume in February or later, allowing time for new Board leadership (elected in January) and any newly appointed members to join or settle in.
- Workgroup discussions should aim to wrap up or pause by or before the last King County Board of Health meeting in November. This ensures that outstanding topics are concluded before the holiday season and Board membership transitions.

### 3. Respect for Cultural and Linguistic Differences

- Keep messages and discussions clear and concise, considering varied language backgrounds.
- Maintain a welcoming environment that values diverse perspectives.
- Interpretation or translation services are available upon advance request to the Board Administrator.



# Policy Codesign to Improve Food Access & Promote Racial Equity

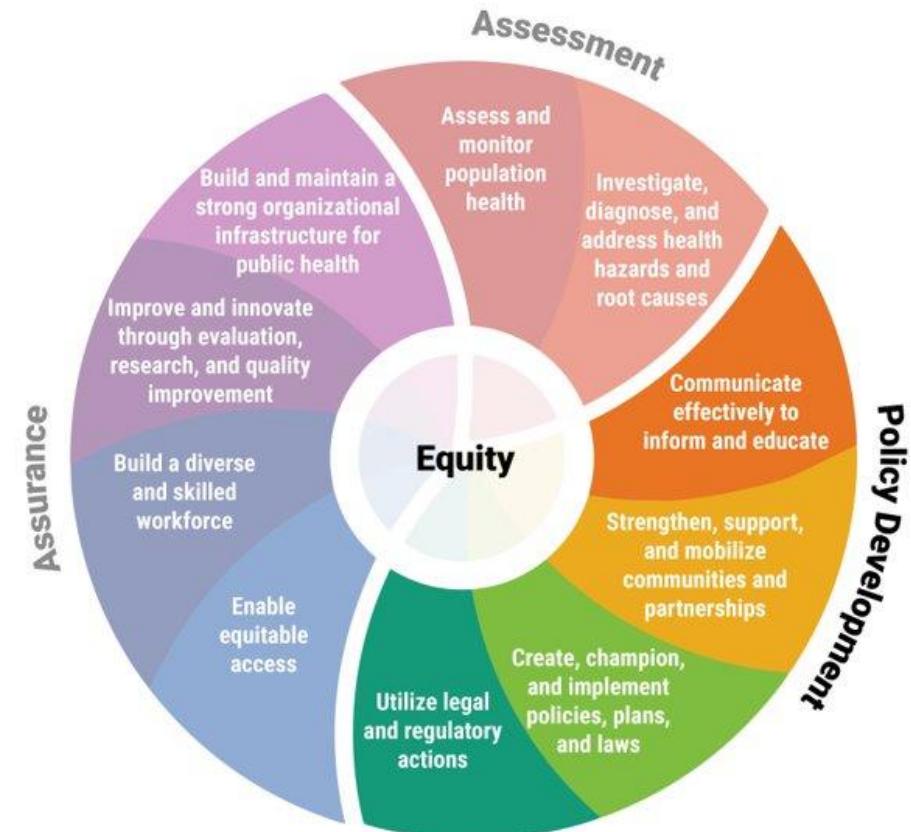
**Ginna Hernandez**, Policy Analyst, PHSKC

**Barbara Barquero**, Assistant Professor, University of Washington

**King County Board of Health, January 29, 2026**

# Why Codesign Policy Solutions?

- Framework for how to include multiple **perspectives**
- Including a variety of perspectives ensures that **policy solutions** meet **community needs** while being **feasible** in the eyes of policy makers
- Creative problem-solving using **human-centered** design thinking



# 2024-2029 Public Health Strategic Plan

- Serve as a bold leader in policy development and change
- Develop subject matter experts' ability to assess the impact of proposed policy changes and to propose new policies
- Use data and community input to guide policy development and change
- [kingcounty.gov/health/strategicplan](http://kingcounty.gov/health/strategicplan)



# Food Access is a Community Health Priority

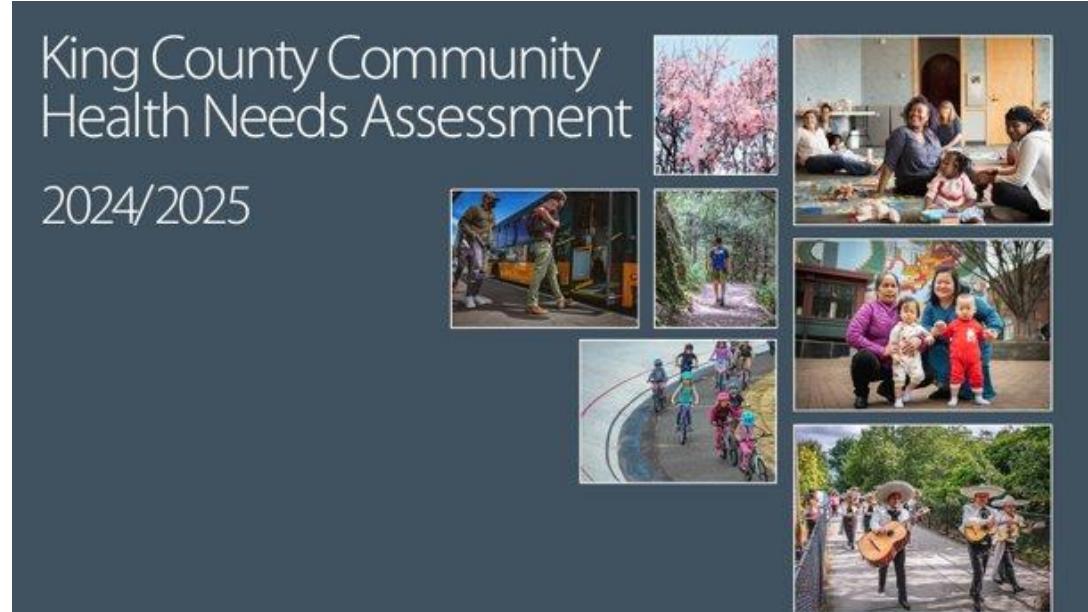
**3X**  
County average

**Food insecurity** for Hispanic, Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander adults is nearly three times the county average

**2.5X**  
higher

For transgender adults, the rate is nearly 2.5 times higher than for cisgender adults

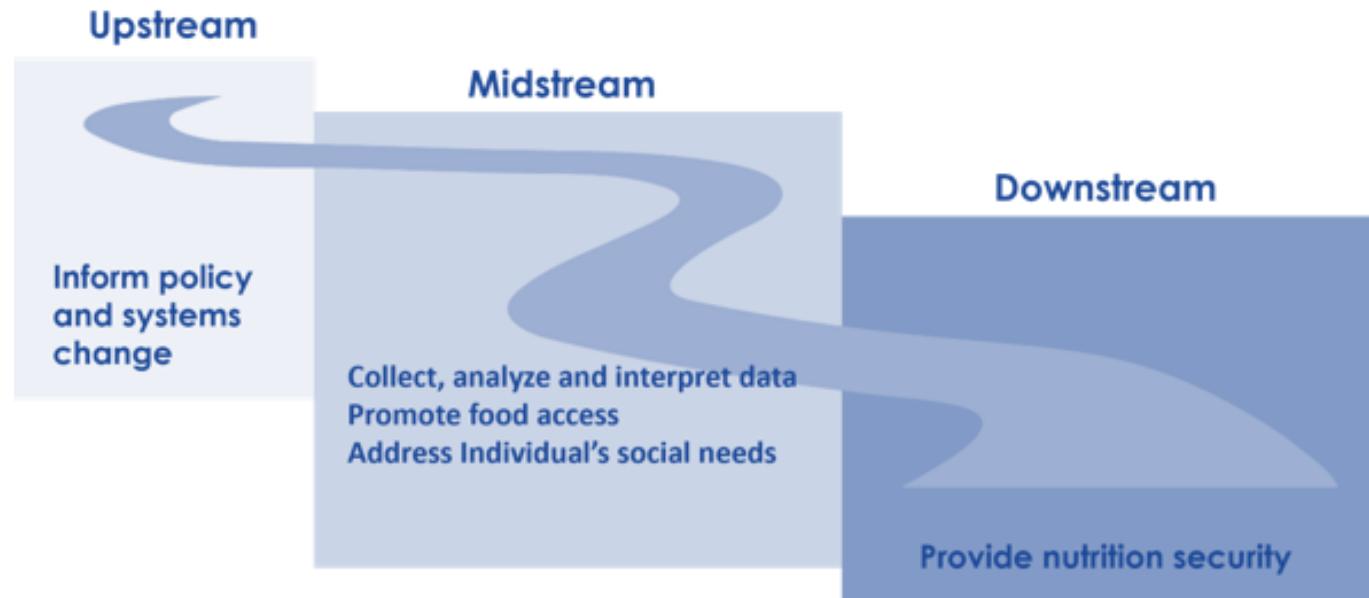
King County Community Health Needs Assessment  
2024/2025



The King County [Community Health Needs Assessment 2024/2025](#) and Community Navigators identified food access as a priority

# Goals and Outcomes

- Pilot a Codesign project to be replicated for future topics
- Address upstream drivers that lead to food insecurity
- Policy recommendation tailored to Public Health - Seattle & King County
- Create toolkit for other health departments



# Policy Codesign is a Participatory, Creative Process

10-15 people come together to develop policy recommendations



Collectively create a list of policy recommendations ranking policies from highest to lowest priority

Identify shared values, review policy information and discuss community experiences

Develop an implementation plan to ensure the recommendations move forward

The codesign team  
developed **policy**  
**recommendations** to  
improve food access



# Recruited a Multiple Sector Codesign Team



American  
Heart  
Association.



**AntiHUNGER  
&  
Nutrition  
COALITION**



# Additional Teams Offered Broader Perspectives



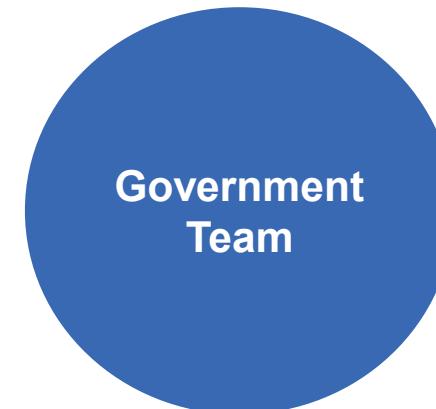
## Community knowledge

Consisted of grassroots organizations and people with firsthand experience.  
12 members.



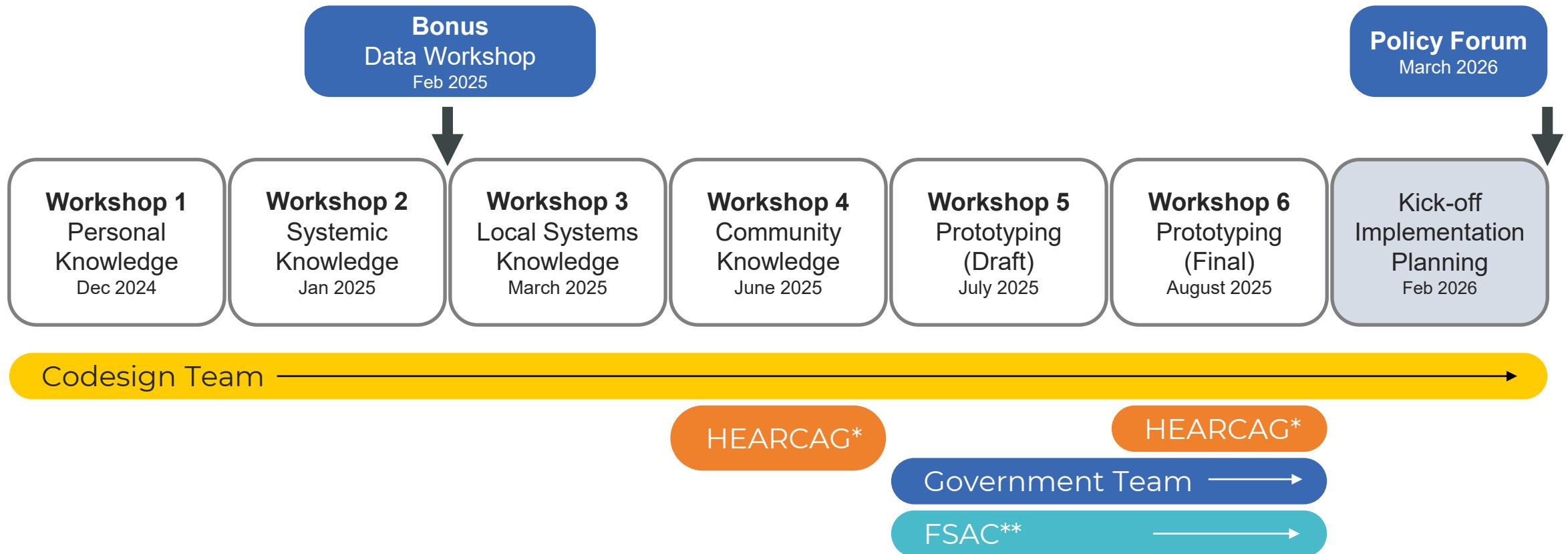
## Advisory team

8 members from King County's Local Food Initiative Food Systems Advisory Council



## Advisory team

7 King County staff members working toward better food access



\* HEARCAG: Health Equity and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Group

\*\* FSAC: Food System Advisory Council  
Board of Health

# First Phase: Eliciting Ideas

## *Workshops 1- 4*

- Completed a policy review and evaluated evidence
- Mapped King County services, systems, funding and how people interact with them
- Heard from communities with lived experience



**Results:** Common emerging themes used to develop policy principles

# Second Phase: Prototyping

## Workshop 5

- Developed a set of policy principles which served as the criteria for choosing policy strategies



**Pursue bold systems changes towards food sovereignty** rooted in the idea that food is a basic right.



**Center people experiencing food insecurity and the community-based organizations** that serve them in policy design and implementation.



**Leverage and strengthen existing infrastructure and systems**, including removing barriers and restrictive processes that hinder food access.



**Engage continuously with community-based organizations** in programs and solutions.



**Protect and improve food access for communities through economic and community development.**

# Second Phase: Prototyping

## Workshop 6

- Developed three policy strategies based on the policy principles



### Guaranteed Basic Income

Guaranteed cash payments to people meeting certain eligibility requirements to buy what they need most



### Countywide Produce Subsidy

Expand and enhance an existing program that provides \$60 monthly benefits for fruits and vegetables



### Healthy Food Retail in Low-Income Areas

Support grocery stores in underserved areas to ensure neighbors have places to buy nutritious foods.

# Voting Criteria for Policy Strategies

Factor	Low	High
Political will		
Time		
Cost/money		
Public supporters		
Opposition		
Existing efforts		
Impact – numbers of people		
Alignment with policy principles		
Will this activate allies? i.e. forum attendees		

# Recommended Policy: Countywide Produce Subsidy

- Recognizes the success of the Fresh Bucks program
- Builds on an already supported and widely recognized model
- Offers opportunities to expand the network of participating retailers
- Serves as a local response to recent SNAP cuts
- Closest to giving people cash

**ELECTRONIC MONTHLY  
CASH BENEFIT  
SPECIFICALLY FOR PURCHASING  
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**



# Reflections from Codesign Members

- Able to share lessons learned from our direct services
- Elevate the voices of the communities Codesign members partner with
- Help shape policies that reflect real need
- Align with King County's goals for equitable, community driven solutions

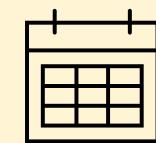


## Next Step: Community Sounding Board

- Host a food insecurity policy forum to raise awareness, collect feedback and build momentum around policy funding and community strategies to improve food access.



- “Food Access Now: Advancing Local Solutions to Food Insecurity” is **scheduled** for March 24, 2026, at Highline College.





# Thank you!

## Questions? Contact:

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# Public Health

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## Seattle & King County