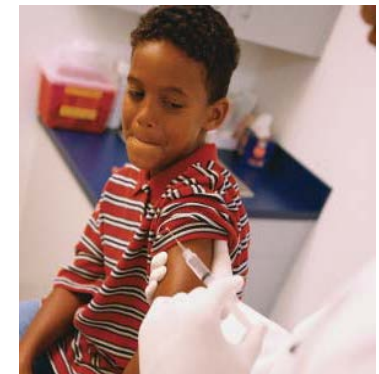


Legislative Auditor's Conclusion:

Council meets statutory administrative requirements.
Progress on eliminating health disparities is unknown –
reports do not track status of health disparities or
Council recommendations



Concerned with health disparities, the Legislature:



Stated its intent to “strive to eliminate health disparities in people of color and between men and women”



Created the Governor’s Interagency Coordinating Council on Health Disparities



Directed the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to review the Council

Source: JLARC staff analysis of 2SSB 6197 (2006).

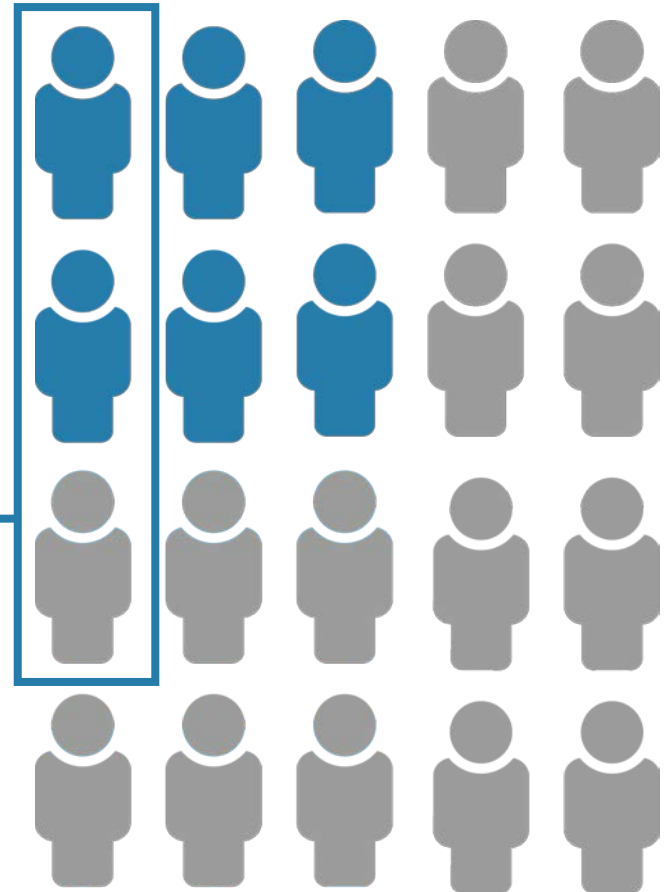
What is a health disparity?

Health disparity:

- Disease or condition
- Rate of death
- Lack of access to health services

Disproportionately affects one or more groups

Groups may be based on **race, ethnicity, or gender.**



Source: JLARC staff analysis of RCW 43.20.025.

16 health disparities specified by Legislature in 2006

Asthma
Breast cancer
Infant mortality
Cervical cancer
Mental health
Chronic kidney disease
Oral disease
Diabetes
Prostate cancer
Heart disease
Smoking
Strokes
HIV/AIDS
Sudden infant death
Immunization rates of
 children and seniors
 syndrome (SIDS)
Women's health issues

Source: JLARC staff analysis of RCW 43.20.285.

Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council responsible for:



Promoting communication, coordination, and collaboration between agencies and others



Improving availability of culturally appropriate health literature and interpretive services



Understanding how state government actions ameliorate or contribute to health disparities

Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council responsible for:



Establishing advisory committees to help in planning how to address specific issues



Prioritizing health disparities and social determinants and making recommendations



Reporting to Governor and Legislature about progress eliminating health disparities

Progress on eliminating health disparities **unknown**

Council reports do not **clearly and consistently** track status of:

Prioritized health disparities and social determinants

Recommendations made by the Council

2

Legislative Auditor Recommendations

1

The Council should submit **action plan updates** every two years which prioritize health disparities and social determinants and include clear recommendations.

Council on Health Disparities **Concurs**

2

Legislative Auditor Recommendations

2

The Council should submit **progress reports** which include progress made on all recommendations and the status of all health disparities and social determinants included in the action plan updates.

Council on Health Disparities **Concurs**

Timeline for Council reports



Source: JLARC staff analysis of RCW 43.20.280



Proposed Final Report: Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Health Disparities

Full Report is available at:

leg.wa.gov/jlarc/reports/2016/HealthDisparities/pf/default.htm

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