



## Health Board & Public Health Advisory Board Differentiation of Scope

Health Board 70.05.060	Public Health Advisory Board 70.46.140
<p>Each local board of health shall have supervision over all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people within its jurisdiction and shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Enforce</u> through the local health officer or the administrative officer, if any, the public health statutes of the state and rules promulgated by the state board of health and the secretary of health</li> <li>• <u>Supervise the maintenance</u> of all health and sanitary measures for the protection of the public health within its jurisdiction</li> <li>• <u>Enact such local rules and regulations</u> as are necessary in order to preserve, promote and improve the public health and provide for the enforcement thereof</li> <li>• <u>Provide for the control and prevention</u> of any dangerous, contagious or infectious disease within the jurisdiction of the local health department</li> <li>• <u>Provide for the prevention</u>, control and abatement of nuisances detrimental to the public health</li> <li>• Make such <u>reports to the state board of health</u> through the local health officer or the administrative officer as the state board of health may require</li> <li>• <u>Establish fee schedules</u> for issuing or renewing licenses or permits or for such other services as are authorized by the law and the rules of the state board of health: PROVIDED, that such fees for services shall not exceed the actual cost of providing any such services</li> </ul>	<p>A community health advisory board shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide <u>input</u> to the local board of health in the recruitment and selection of an administrative officer, pursuant to RCW <a href="#">70.05.045</a>, and local health officer, pursuant to RCW <a href="#">70.05.050</a>;</li> <li>• Use a health equity framework to <u>conduct</u>, <u>assess</u>, and <u>identify</u> the community health needs of the jurisdiction, and <u>review and recommend</u> public health policies and priorities for the local health jurisdiction and advisory board to address community health needs;</li> <li>• Evaluate the impact of proposed public health policies and programs, and assure identified health needs and concerns are being met;</li> <li>• <u>Promote public participation</u> in and identification of local public health needs;</li> <li>• <u>Provide community forums</u> and hearings as assigned by the local board of health;</li> <li>• <u>Establish community task forces</u> as assigned by the local board of health;</li> <li>• <u>Review and make recommendations</u> to the local health jurisdiction and local board of health for an annual budget and fees; and</li> <li>• <u>Review and advise</u> on local health jurisdiction progress in achieving performance measures and outcomes to ensure continuous quality improvement and accountability.</li> </ul>



## Public Health Advisory Board Scope & Role

Public Health Advisory Board Scope (Per RCW)	PHAB Role			Originating Body	Key partners	Ultimate Decision-maker
	Lead	Assign & Support	Review & Recommend			
Provide input to the local board of health in the recruitment and selection of an administrative officer (HCS Director)			x	HCS	Health Board	Exec appoints Council confirms
Provide input to the local board of health in the recruitment and selection of a health officer			x	HCS	Health Board	Exec appoints Council confirms
Adopt a health equity framework for community health improvement	x			PHAB	WREC Healthy Whatcom	PHAB
a. Conduct an evaluation and assess community health needs of the jurisdiction using a health equity framework		x		PHAB	HCS	PHAB
b. Identify the community health needs of jurisdiction using a health equity framework	x			PHAB	HCS Community and advisory groups	PHAB
Review and recommend public health policies and priorities using a health equity framework (clarification: guided by Healthy Planning Resolution, policies related to comm health, well-being- comp plan, fluoridation, etc.)	x		x	Community and advisory groups County department Health Board HCS	Community and advisory groups County department Legal Health Board HCS	Health Board/ Council





Public Health Advisory Board Scope (Per RCW)	PHAB Role			Originating Body	Key partners	Ultimate Decision-maker
	Lead	Assign & Support	Review & Recommend			
Evaluate the impact of proposed public health policies and programs- assure identified health needs and concerns are being met		x	x	PHAB	HCS Health Board	Health Board/ Council
Promote public participation in local public health needs	x			PHAB	HCS	Health Board/ Council
Provide community forums/ hearings as assigned by the local health board	x		x	Health Board	HCS Community and advisory groups	Health Board/ Council
Establish community task forces as assigned by the local board of health	x		x	Health Board	HCS	Health Board/ Council
Review/ make recommendations to local health jurisdiction and local health board on annual budget/fees			x	HCS	Health Board	HCS/ County
Review and advise on local health jurisdiction progress in achieving performance measures and outcomes to ensure continuous quality improvement and accountability			x	HCS	Health Board	HCS



	PHAB Role						Operationalizing PHAB Tasks				
Public Health Advisory Board Scope (Per RCW)	Lead	Assign & Support	Review & Recommend	Originating Body	Key partners	Ultimate Decision-maker	Draft Outcomes (avoid limiting work)	Frequency	End Product	What resources are needed?	What do we need to be successful?
Provide input to the local board of health in the recruitment and selection of an administrative officer (HCS Director)			x	HCS	Health Board	Exec appoints Council confirms	Clear role and process for PHAB in the hiring process.	As needed	Documented process		Current practices
Provide input to the local board of health in the recruitment and selection of a health officer			x	HCS	Health Board	Exec appoints Council confirms	PHAB proposes criteria based upon values and purpose of the group.	As needed	Documented process		Current practices
Adopt a health equity framework for community health improvement	x			PHAB	WREC Healthy Whatcom	PHAB	A framework is proposed, approved, and implemented.	Adopt 2025 Review every xx years	Framework		Training on use
a. Conduct an evaluation and assess community health needs of the jurisdiction using a health equity framework		x		PHAB	HCS	PHAB	Conduct a Community Health Assessment that includes equity and disparity measures with disaggregated data where possible.	Every 5 years Due 2025-26	CHA Report		
b. Identify the community health needs of jurisdiction using a health equity framework	x			PHAB	HCS Community and advisory groups	PHAB PHAB	Determine which needs are under the jurisdiction of public health.	Step 2 after assessment	CHIP		Community Engagement
Review and recommend public health policies and priorities using a health equity framework (clarification: guided by Healthy Planning Resolution, policies related to comm health, well-being- comp plan, fluoridation, etc. )	x		x	Relevant community and advisory groups County department Health Board HCS	Relevant community and advisory groups or department Legal Health Board HCS	   Health Board/ Council	Lead when reacting to existing or emerging policies. Delegate some policy review to Policy staff. Evaluate new policies and priorities. Recommend policies and priorities from other groups.	Ongoing	Documented process		Current and proposed policies, resolutions, declarations
Evaluate the impact of proposed public health policies and programs- assure identified health needs and concerns are being met		x	x	PHAB	HCS Health Board	 Health Board/ Council	Identify which policies and programs PHAB would like to track.	Ongoing	Documented process		Current and proposed policies, resolutions, declarations
Promote public participation in local public health needs	x			PHAB	HCS	Health Board/ Council	Leverage policy and comms to improve public participation.	Ongoing	Documented process		Current attempts
Provide community forums/ hearings as assigned by the local health board	x		x	Health Board	HCS Community and advisory groups	Health Board/ Council	Timely response to health board requests.	As needed	Documented process		
Establish community task forces as assigned by the local board of health	x		x	Health Board	HCS	Health Board/ Council	Timely response to health board requests.	As needed	Documented process		Process and guidelines
Review/ make recommendations to local health jurisdiction and local health board on annual budget/fees			x	HCS	Health Board	 HCS/ County	Goal: Awareness Develop a timeline and educate PHAB on the process.	Biennial budgets 2025-2026	Documented process		Timeline Determine expectations Budget trends Unmet needs
Review and advise on local health jurisdiction progress in achieving performance measures and outcomes to ensure continuous quality improvement and accountability			x	HCS	Health Board	 HCS	Goal: agreed upon, relevant measures -Develop a timeline and educate PHAB on the process. -Include written performance measures in department report.	Need to determine frequency	Documented process		Current measures and PM/QI Plan