WHATCOM COUNTY Health and Community Services



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Health Board & Public Health Advisory Board Differentiation of Scope

Health Board 70.05.060

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:

- <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
- <u>Supervise the maintenance</u> of all health and sanitary measures for the protection of the public health within its jurisdiction
- <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
- <u>Provide for the control and prevention</u> of any dangerous, contagious or infectious disease within the jurisdiction of the local health department
- <u>Provide for the prevention</u>, control and abatement of nuisances detrimental to the public health
- 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
- <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

Public Health Advisory Board 70.46.140

A community health advisory board shall:

- Provide <u>input</u> to the local board of health in the recruitment and selection of an administrative officer, pursuant to RCW <u>70.05.045</u>, and local health officer, pursuant to RCW <u>70.05.050</u>;
- 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;
- Evaluate the impact of proposed public health policies and programs, and assure identified health needs and concerns are being met;
- <u>Promote public participation</u> in and identification of local public health needs;
- <u>Provide community forums</u> and hearings as assigned by the local board of health;
- Establish community task forces as assigned by the local board of health;
- Review and make recommendations to the local health jurisdiction and local board of health for an annual budget and fees; and
- <u>Review and advise</u> on local health jurisdiction progress in achieving performance measures and outcomes to ensure continuous quality improvement and accountability.

