



HEALTH BOARD Discussion Form

April 2, 2019

AGENDA ITEM #4: Young Children and Families Resolution

PRESENTER: Rachel Lucy, Chair, Public Health Advisory Board

BOARD ACTION: ☒ Action Item Discussion FYI – Only

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On February 5, 2019, the Health Board adopted a 2019 Policy Agenda that includes a focus on early childhood. The policy agenda calls for the development and adoption of a resolution which formalizes the County's commitment to young children and families in Whatcom County. As per the Policy Agenda, the resolution will:

- *Incorporate priorities established by the multi-sector Generations Forward Children's Collaborative, including development of sustainable financing mechanisms for child and family services and supports*
- *Encourage development of ongoing public-private partnerships*
- *Prioritize actions and investments that help close early childhood opportunity gaps associated with race, ethnicity, income, and family adversity*
- *Include accountability processes and measurements to track progress*

The Public Health Advisory Board working with Health Department staff was tasked with developing and bringing back a resolution for Health Board consideration. A draft resolution was submitted to Public Health Advisory Board on March 7, 2019 for initial review, comment, and edits. The resolution was also distributed to partners and community members affiliated with Generations Forward, and additional input was incorporated.

BOARD ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

- Review and approve resolution

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Draft Resolution Affirming Commitment to Whatcom County's Young Children and their Families