



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

October 8, 2007

Resolution

Proposed No. 07-06.1

1 A RESOLUTION adopting a Policy Framework for the
2 Health of the Public, as amended, and recommending
3 approval by the King County Council of the Public Health
4 Operational Master Plan.

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6 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7 1. The county is responsible for providing regional public health services
8 to the one million eight hundred thousand residents of King County, as
9 well as the hundreds of thousands of workers and tourists who enter the
10 county each day.
- 11 2. Examples of the wide range of public health services currently
12 provided by the county include: ensuring food and water are safe for
13 consumption; monitoring, preventing and controlling communicable
14 diseases and environmental health threats; assessing the health of the
15 public; providing vaccines and assuring the immunization of children and
16 adults; assuring emergency preparedness and response; promoting healthy

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- 17 behaviors and preventing chronic diseases and injury; and assuring
18 personal health care services to uninsured and underinsured individuals.
- 19 3. Regional public health services are supported by significant
20 contributions from the county's general fund, state funds and a variety of
21 federal sources.
- 22 4. Over the past decade, revenues supporting public health services, such
23 as the motor vehicle excise tax, have been eliminated, reduced or limited,
24 requiring reductions in public health programs and significant increases in
25 the level of county general fund resources.
- 26 5. The significant increases in county general fund resources to support
27 public health are not sustainable over the long term.
- 28 6. The cost of providing public health services is increasing.
- 29 7. The need for and scope of public health services provided is increasing
30 as new mandates are instituted, new communicable disease and
31 environmental health threats emerge, health disparities within the
32 population of King County intensify, the number of medically underserved
33 increases and the burden of preventable chronic disease grows.
- 34 8. In Ordinance 15083 adopting the 2005 King County budget, King
35 County authorized funding for a Public Health Operational Master Plan
36 ("PHOMP").
- 37 9. A PHOMP is intended to guide development of a sustainable
38 operational and financing model for the provision of regional public health
39 services.

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40 10. The county through Motion 12122 approved the multi-year two-
41 phased workplan for the PHOMP.

42 11. By Resolution the King County Board of Health approved the
43 PHOMP workplan.

44 12. The PHOMP was a two-year planning effort conducted in two phases.
45 Phase I established broad policies regarding public health services in King
46 County and Phase II resulted in recommendations regarding operational
47 implementation and funding.

48 13. The adopted workplan created a PHOMP Steering Committee
49 including representatives from the department of public health, the board
50 of health, the council and the office of the executive.

51 14. Phase I has been completed and the King County council and the
52 King County board of health adopted by Motion 12475 and Resolution 07-
53 02, respectively, A Policy Framework for the Health of the Public.

54 15. The King County council through Ordinance 15652 and amended by
55 Ordinance 15873 required by proviso the office of management and
56 budget and the public health department to submit to the council
57 operational and financing recommendations developed through Phase II of
58 the PHOMP and that such recommendations shall include a process for
59 working collaboratively with the community on strengthening the safety
60 net.

- 61 16. Phase II has been completed and includes an amended Policy
62 Framework for the Health of the Public and Operational and Financing
63 recommendations.
- 64 17. The operational and financing recommendations contain long term,
65 short term and four year implementation strategies for the three functions
66 of public health — which are protection, promotion and provision — and
67 organizational attributes and financing.
- 68 18. In response to Ordinance 15873 the PHOMP steering committee
69 convened an expert panel on the provision of health care in King County.
- 70 19. The expert panel met four times and developed recommendations on
71 how the department of public health could work collaboratively with the
72 community to strengthen the health care safety net and improve access to
73 care.
- 74 20. Through the extensive work done thus far by the PHOMP and the
75 expert panel, the executive, the King County council and the board of
76 health have collectively come to realize that the proper role of the county
77 in the direct provision of health services is intimately tied to development
78 of a broader vision and plan for provision of health care to the uninsured
79 in our county.
- 80 21. Work on the broader plan is proceeding.
- 81 22. In recognition that the development of the broader plan will take time,
82 on May 4, the King County council and the executive announced that five

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83 million dollars will be reserved to guarantee funding for all ten of the
84 public health centers through the end of 2008.

85 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
86 County:

87 SECTION 1. A Policy Framework for the Health of the Public – July 2007,
88 contained in Attachment A to this resolution, is hereby approved.

89 SECTION 2. The Board recommends that the King County council adopt
90 Proposed Ordinance 2007-0467, approving the Public Health Operational Master Plan

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91 Policy Framework for the Health of the Public – July 2007 and Operational and
92 Financing recommendations, contained in Attachment A to this resolution.
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Resolution was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 9/20/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Clark, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Nicola, Dr. Counts, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Sherman

No: 0

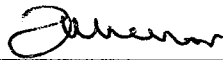
Excused: 4 - Mr. Dunn, Mr. Conlin, Ms. Frisinger and Ms. Manning

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk to the Board

Attachments A. King County Public Health Operational Master Plan dated August 2007