A RESOLUTION supporting recommendations and a strategic and operational plan for HIV prevention in King County.

WHEREAS, HIV continues to be a significant threat to the public's health and the number of new cases each year in King County is not decreasing, and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of HIV within the gay and bisexual community remains high (around 14-16%), and other minority groups are also disproportionately affected by HIV, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health established the HIV/AIDS Committee to identify and consider actions that the Board could take to improve King County's HIV/AIDS prevention efforts, and

WHEREAS, the HIV/AIDS Committee held a series of meetings with stakeholders to gather information about strategies to reduce the transmission of HIV, effective ways to reach specific at-risk groups, and how current prevention programs, activities, and messages could be more effective, and
WHEREAS, after considering input from stakeholders, the HIV/AIDS Committee developed recommendations for the Board of Health enhance and promote King County’s HIV/AIDS prevention efforts, and

WHEREAS, Public Health – Seattle & King County’s HIV/AIDS Program developed a Strategic and Operational Plan for HIV Prevention in King County that incorporated the HIV/AIDS Committee’s recommendations, including a communitywide goal for reducing the number of HIV cases and setting a strategy for how to achieve that goal, and

WHEREAS, the HIV/AIDS Committee supports the Strategic and Operational Plan for HIV Prevention in King County;

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

A. The Board of Health commends the HIV/AIDS Committee for their work, all of the stakeholders that participated in the process, and Public Health-Seattle & King County for responding and developing the Strategic and Operational Plan for HIV Prevention in King County; and

B. The Board of Health calls upon high-risk groups, organizations working to prevent HIV/AIDS, and the broader community to:

1. Call attention to the ongoing HIV/AIDS crisis and the continuing unacceptably high rates of HIV transmission;

2. Identify effective prevention strategies; and

3. Take individual and collective actions to prevent the spread of HIV; and
C. The Board of Health endorses and adopts the HIV/AIDS Committee's Report and Recommendations; and

D. The Board of Health endorses the Strategic and Operational Plan for HIV Prevention in King County.

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

Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk to the Board

Attachments

A. Board of Health HIV-AIDS Committee-Final Report and Recommendations 9-20-07, B. Strategic and Operational Plan for HIV Prevention in King County 8-31-07 Draft