

# THE COMMUNITY **COLLABORATIVE**



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SESSION  
08.16.2023**



# Welcome & Introductions

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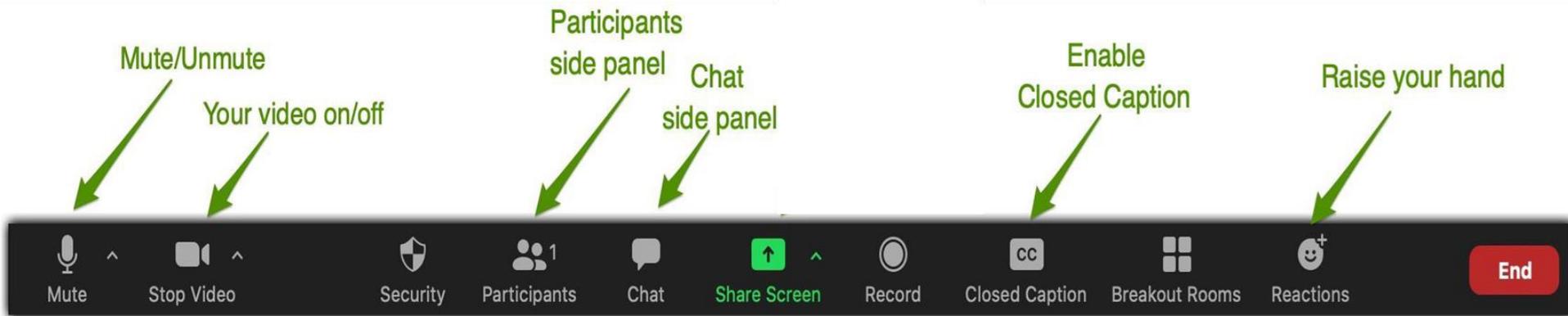
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# Zoom Navigation and Accessibility



# Land & Labor Acknowledgement Part 1

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The Community Collaborative would like to acknowledge that we are currently living on the traditional territories of Coast Salish people and other Native peoples who have lived here for many generations and who continue to be systematically erased by policies and practices that remove their histories from this place. We acknowledge and honor the sovereignty of Indigenous peoples in the US continent and in the U.S. Island Territories over their languages, cultures and lands and will collectively labor to center Indigenous humanity and their continued struggles for justice in stewarding the health and wellness of their communities.

# Land & Labor Acknowledgement Part 2

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We also would like to acknowledge this country has been made possible by the labor of enslaved African peoples and their descendants who suffered the horror of trafficking, slavery, Jim Crow, imprisonment, police brutalities and many other harms we continue to see today through anti-Black sentiment. We recognize the history of Washington State as complicit with the racist ideology of white supremacy. They persist in present-day racial realities privileging Whites while oppressing BIPOC communities. We are committed to uplifting the voices, experiences and histories of Indigenous and descendants of enslaved people's contributions.

# Today's Agenda

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- **Welcome and Introductions**
  - Todd Holloway, Community Collaborative Thought Partner
- **Accessibility & Zoom Navigation**
  - Tom Dineen, KAI Tech Facilitator
- **Land Acknowledgment**
  - Todd Holloway, Community Collaborative Thought Partner
- **Overview of Agenda**
  - Todd Holloway, Community Collaborative Thought Partner
- **DOH Proposed Legislative Decision Packages and Agency Request Legislation**
  - Kelly Cooper, Director of Legislative Relations, Executive Office of Policy, Planning & Evaluation, DOH
- **Diversity in Clinical Trials and Historical Context: [Second Substitute House Bill 1745](#)**
  - Todd Holloway, Cyril Walrond, Community Collaborative Thought Partners
  - Anna Kelsey, Policy Analyst, Executive Office of Policy, Planning & Evaluation, DOH
  - Kathleen Wilcox, Community Collaborative Thought Partner
- **Breakout Rooms**
  - Todd Holloway, Cyril Walrond, Kathleen Wilcox, Community Collaborative Thought Partners
- **Close out and next steps: Next meeting and Contacts**
  - Todd Holloway, Community Collaborative Thought Partner



# AGENCY REQUEST LEGISLATION & DECISION PACKAGE PROPOSALS

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Washington State Department of

**HEALTH**

## Timeline 2024 Session

- DOH develops budget requests and legislative agenda May through July 2023
- **DOH engages community and partners throughout August 2023**
- DOH holds partner webinar on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- DOH's 2024 proposals are due to the Governor's Office on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 2024 Legislative Session begins on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- End of Legislative Session is March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# Preliminary Agency Request Legislation

## **Uniform Facilities Framework (*SB 5271 / HB 1434*)**

- DOH has established a standard framework for facilities enforcement based on acute care and psychiatric hospital laws. However, there is no such framework for other healthcare facilities regulated by the Department of Health. Under current law, the department's only compliance option is to suspend or revoke a facilities license in response to a violation. This proposal creates a uniform framework for all health facilities including intermediate enforcement tools and giving the department the ability to work with facilities to address repeat violations quicker. The bill also adds enforcement tools that allow the department to take swift action when a situation poses immediate risk to the public. This proposal aims to increase patient safety and facility compliance, while ensuring continued access to care.

## **Standing Orders (*New Proposal*)**

- This proposal is for agency request legislation that gives clear statutory authority to the Secretary of Health to issue standing orders under state law. This would allow for increased access to immunizations, testing, and other services with increased agility for both routine and emergency public health needs.

# Preliminary Decision Package Proposals

- **Care-A-Van**
- Outward-facing media campaign
- **Adult immunizations**
- **Sustaining our Care Connect Washington program**
- **Implementing PEAR (Pro-Equity Anti-Racism) initiative and community compensation**
- **Health Equity Zones (HEZ) grant initiative**
- Investments in Information Technology, including Informatics & Public Health Technology
- Investments in our Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Management System (HELMS)

## Preliminary Decision Package Proposals (continued)

- Supporting critical professions: Agency Affiliated Counselors & Home Care Aides
- **Rural Health Workforce**
- Implementation of the 988 Behavioral Health Helpline
- Uniform Facilities Framework
- **HEAL (Healthy Environment for All) Act implementation**
- Credentialing, including reducing barriers to getting licensed and improving the licensing process
- Water Reuse in Buildings

## Timeline 2025 Session

- DOH programs bring concepts, both budget requests and legislative proposals, for the 2025 legislative session forward in early September 2023
- **DOH begins to engage community for initial feedback on 2025 proposals in early October 2023**
- DOH will begin engaging community again in Mid-March 2024 for the 2025 Legislative Session



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## 2SHB 1745: IMPROVING DIVERSITY IN CLINICAL TRIALS



# **Historical Context**

## **Kathleen Wilcox, Thought Partner**

# About 2SHB 1745

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## **Purpose**

Increase participation and representation of diverse demographic groups in clinical trials of drugs and medical devices.



## **DOH's Role**

Produce a legislative report identifying underrepresented demographic groups, barriers to participation, and approaches for improving diversity in clinical trials.

# What Are Clinical Trials?

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- Research studies to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of drugs and medical devices
- Focus on treating specific conditions or specific populations
- Can be studies for new drugs or for new uses of existing drugs
- Clinical trial participants are volunteers who meet eligibility criteria
- Eligibility criteria can include age, sex, treatment history, etc.

# Diversity in Clinical Trials

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- Historically and currently, clinical trials have not been demographically diverse
- Diversity in clinical trials is important because factors like race, ethnicity, age, and sex can impact how people react to medical treatment
- Certain racial demographic groups are underrepresented in clinical trials, even when they are at higher risk of certain medical diseases
  - Example: American Indian/Alaska Native make up 2% of the US population but only represent 1% of clinical trials despite experiencing health disparities and experiencing higher risk for certain health conditions

# 2SHB 1745 Report Elements

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- Identify:
  - Underrepresented communities and demographic groups by race, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age, and geographic location.
  - Barriers to participation in clinical trials for underrepresented demographic groups
  - How clinical trials can partner with CBOs to increase representation
- Recommendations to:
  - Increase diversity in clinical trials
  - Reduce barriers for participants in clinical trials

# Engaging with the Collaborative

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- Working with Thought Partners to craft engagement with the larger Community Collaborative
  - Thank you to Kathleen Wilcox, Cyril Walrond, and Todd Holloway for planning with us
- Today: breakout sessions to begin exploring this topic
- Intention for follow-up engagement in September, capacity permitting
- Note: This engagement cannot and is not intended to definitively answer the questions posed by this report. Nor does this report ask all of the important questions related to this work. This is a starting point, and your answers to these questions will not be used to create easy or definitive “fixes” to what is a large, structural problem

# Breakout Rooms

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- Primary Question:
  - How can community-based organizations (CBOs) partner with clinical research organizations to recruit more diverse clinical trial research participants?
- Additional questions as time allows:
  - How can researchers better engage with BIPOC communities in Washington state to build trust and understanding around the importance of clinical trial participation?
  - In your experience, what role can community leaders play in promoting awareness and education about clinical trials within the BIPOC community?
- Collaborative members can share questions they have about clinical research trials
  - DOH will collect questions and create an FAQ

**\*Breakout Room 1: ASL, Spanish Interpretation and Captions**

# Contact

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- Please contact DOH Policy Analyst Anna Kelsey with any comments, recommendations, or considerations at [anna.kelsey@doh.wa.gov](mailto:anna.kelsey@doh.wa.gov) or 360-628-7483

# Questions?



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# Close Out and Next Steps

# Community Collaborative Contact Information

For more questions, comments or considerations please contact: [Community Collaborative](#)

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