



## DAFN Workgroup Meeting

June 17, 2024

### Agenda

Welcome and introductions
Process of mapping to DOH's work and areas of influence
<p>Moving forward on priority topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disaster preparedness/emergency response</li> <li>• Mental health and social isolation</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Access standards for ADA and 504 compliance</li> </ul>
Discuss agenda for next meeting
Gratitude share

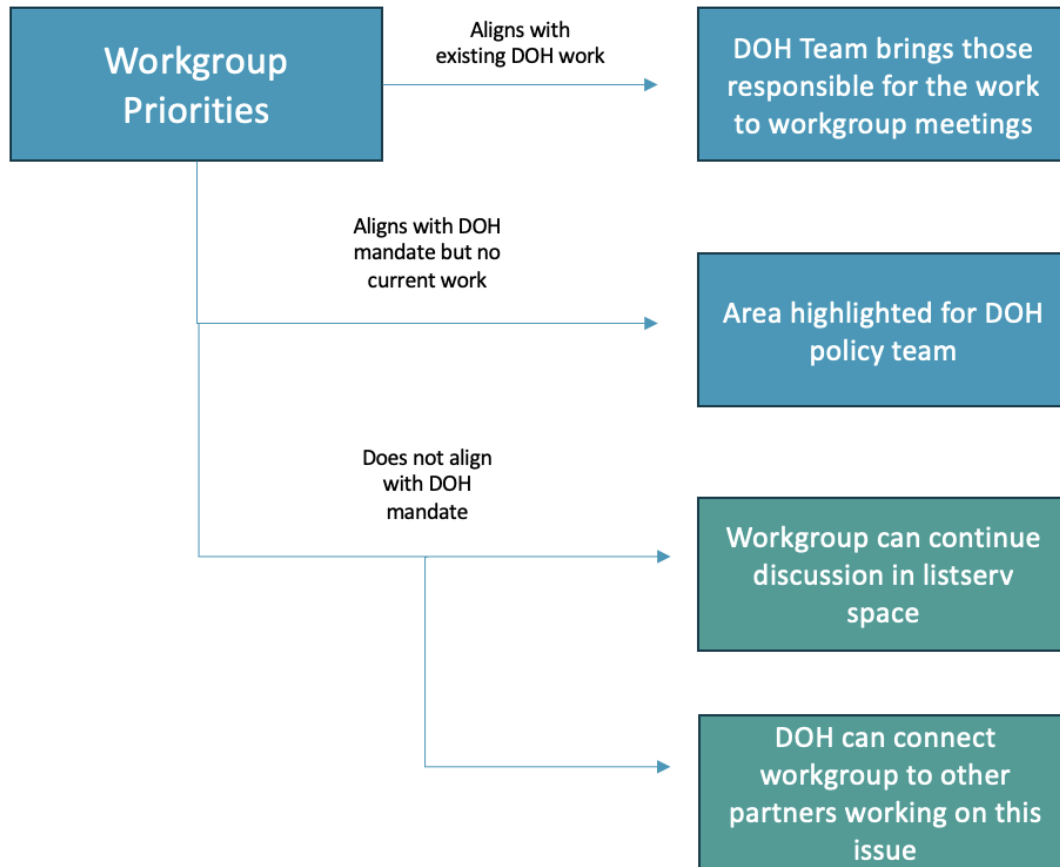
### Meeting Recap

#### Process of Mapping to DOH's Work and Areas of Influence

Our workgroup continues to grow. This month, we were pleased to welcome two new members from DOH, Alyssa Weaver and Liz Clement. Liz and Alyssa described the process they will use to connect the workgroup's priorities to DOH's areas of work and influence. Highlights from this conversation include:

- DOH is complex, and it is a challenge for even those inside the department to fully know all the work being done and the scope of possibilities.
- DOH values this workgroup and its input, and the DOH team is committed to helping to connect the workgroup to the right players in DOH who need to hear their voices.
- Making these connections may be a process of discovery for both sides, as the appropriate DOH staff learn more from the workgroup and as more areas of connection evolve.
- Not all of the workgroup's priorities will map to DOH's areas of work and influence. While the workgroup can still discuss them, the DOH team will be unable to help the workgroup act on those priorities.
- As pandemic-related resources sunset throughout DOH, the landscape is changing a lot in terms of what work is supported and who is staffing it, which will impact their conversations.
- KAI is helping to set up a space for the workgroup to communicate and share information independently and discuss priorities outside of DOH's sphere.

DOH shared the visual map below with the workgroup to illustrate this somewhat complex process.



## Discussion of the Workgroup's Priority Areas

The next discussion focused on the priority areas identified by the workgroup in previous sessions. Liz and Alyssa shared some background work they had done prior to the meeting to identify existing work going on at DOH related to each priority area, as summarized in the sections below.

### Disaster Preparedness/Emergency Response

- Claire Grant at DOH is leading this work and is willing to come speak with the workgroup in July or August to highlight some of WASILC and UW's work in this area and DOH's activities.
- Office of Resiliency and Health Security – This work is in development. The DOH team will continue to research and make connections when a clear point of contact is in place.

### Mental Health and Social Isolation

- DOH has two initiatives related to suicide prevention:
  - The Suicide Prevention Program
  - A new 988 emergency response line is being launched
- Activities under the Mental Health and Substance Use umbrella fall within Opioid Overdose Prevention and Response.



- Behavioral Health and Licensing and Regulation – The DOH team recommends going through the Division of Health Systems and Quality Assurance for a big-picture conversation about this area.
- Be Well Washington – While this initiative is not moving forward in the current budget cycle, some aspects are moving forward that address behavioral and mental health and social isolation.

## Transportation

- Transportation is a more challenging issue for DOH. There were more funds for transportation-related activities during the pandemic, but some of those resources are no longer available.
- Leads and active work – The DOH team needs to conduct more research to identify leads and active work in this area. There is more to come.

## Access Standards for ADA and 504 Compliance

- There is some active work around bathroom access
- DOH has a new Civil Rights and ADA program manager – Alyssa will try to connect with this person about meeting with the workgroup.

## Next Steps

### Gaggle Listserv

- Nilofer quickly shared a platform for DAFN workgroup members to share information and communicate directly using the platform, Gaggle. Gaggle acts like a traditional listserv and allows members to:
  - Share information easily via emails
  - Easily change how often they get emails
  - Find previous messages and attachments in an online archive
- The participants agreed that:
  - Nilofer would set up a group and invite all DAFN workgroup members to join
  - The group would be self-managed and not facilitated or moderated by DOH or KAI staff

### Discussion of the WA Portal's DAFN Page

This conversation was tabled due to time.

## Items for the Next Meeting

Participants agreed that the DOH team will continue exploring connections and invite appropriate DOH staff members working on the workgroup's priority areas to join future meetings.