



THE COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

April 8, 2026



Good afternoon beloved
Community! We will start in 2
minutes.

While we are waiting, please add
to the chat: What does wellness
feel like to you?

Anna Franklin
Community Thought Partner
and Founder of Maji Rising



To stand in a place
where you are not
questioned but
celebrated, where
culture moves through
rhythm, language, and
spirit—it shifts you.

It grounds you.
It heals you.



Agenda



3:32 Welcome from Anna Franklin, Community Thought Partner



3:36 Remeka Jones and Melissa West, DOH, Community Collaborative Updates



3:55 Jasmine Alik, Yen Baynes and Judith Barba Perez - Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities



4:15 Sierra Rotakhina, Environmental Justice Council



4:40 Tiara Ranson, PHSKC Health Equity Anti-Racism Community Advisory Group (HEARCAG)



5:00 Gratitude and Close



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UPDATES ON THE COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE & LOOKING AHEAD

Remeka Jones and
Melissa West

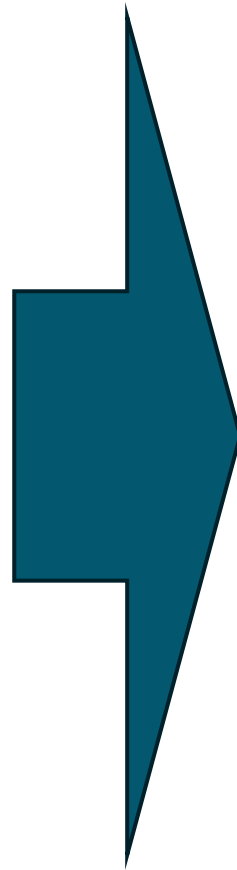
Community Insight in Action

What We Heard

Barriers to accessing vaccines

Inequitable access to systems

Fear and stress in immigrant communities



What We Did

Adjusted vaccine distribution strategies

Community compensation guidelines;
Recommendations on diversity in clinical trials

Shared stories, resources and elevated immigration solidarity messaging

Community Collaborative

Monthly Community Collaborative Meetings

Interactions and Outreach with CBOs

Community Thought Partners*

Two Workgroups:
Carceral Health Equity
Disability Access & Functional Needs
(D-AFN)

Newsletter



Ending May 2026

Continuing

*New name pending

Help us reflect on these two questions:

- What's been most valuable to you about the Community Collaborative?
- What message(s) and stories would you like Thought Partners to carry forward in their advisory capacity to the Secretary of Health and other agency leaders?

We will discuss in May meeting

Survey in newsletter

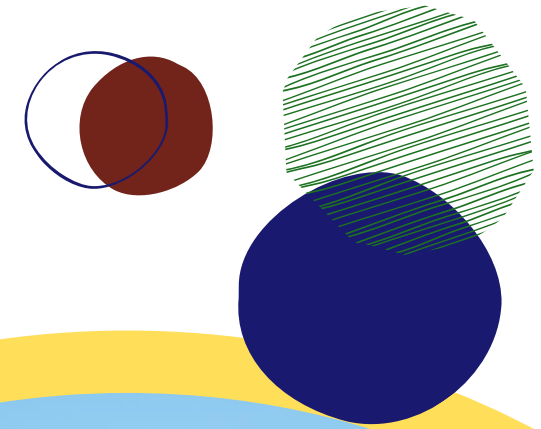
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GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

Jasmine Alik, Yen
Baynes and Judith
Barba Perez

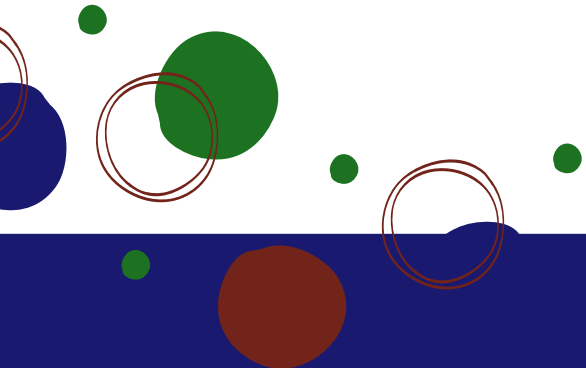
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Introduction to the WA State Health Disparities Council

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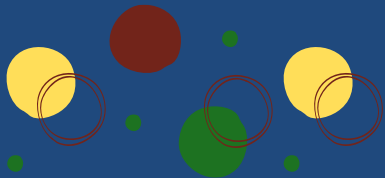
Washington State Department of Health
Community Collaborative Monthly Meeting



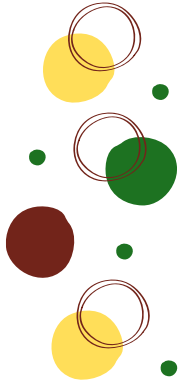
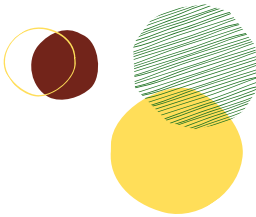
The Health Disparities Council is a state-level interagency advisory workgroup.

We coordinate across sectors to address social drivers of health that lead to health disparities/inequities.

Authorizing Statute: RCW 43.20.270, 43.20.275, 43.20.280



RESPONSIBILITIES



- **Create a state action plan.**
Identify priorities and create policy recommendations to eliminate health inequities by race/ethnicity and gender.
- Understand how **state government actions** reduce and contribute to health disparities.
- Recommend initiatives for improving the availability of **culturally and linguistically appropriate health literature and interpretative services.**



COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- Chair (Governor or Designee)
- 2 Community Members
- Commission on African American Affairs
- Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
- Commission on Hispanic Affairs



- Governor's Office on Indian Affairs (delegated to the American Indian Health Commission)
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (K-12 education)
- Department of Social and Health Services
- Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board
- Department of Children, Youth, and Families
- State Board of Health
- Department of Health
- Health Care Authority
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Ecology



KEY PARTNERS

- Environmental Justice Council
- LGBTQ Commission
- Women's Commission
- Office of Equity
- Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee
- Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
- Economic Justice Alliance



WAYS TO CONNECT



Upcoming Public Meetings

Wednesday, May 13
Tuesday, September 15
Tuesday, December 15

Locations to be announced



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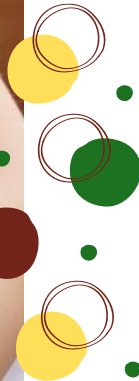
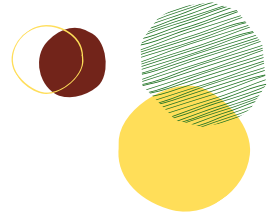
Facebook:
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Council on Health
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Connect with the Engagement Team

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Thank You



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ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE COUNCIL

Sierra Rotakhina



Environmental Justice Council

April 8, 2026

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Consejo de Justicia Ambiental

8 de abril de 2026



Serve as a forum for environmental justice concerns and priorities.

The EJ Council has broad authority under the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act to provide guidance to the governor, legislature, and state agencies.

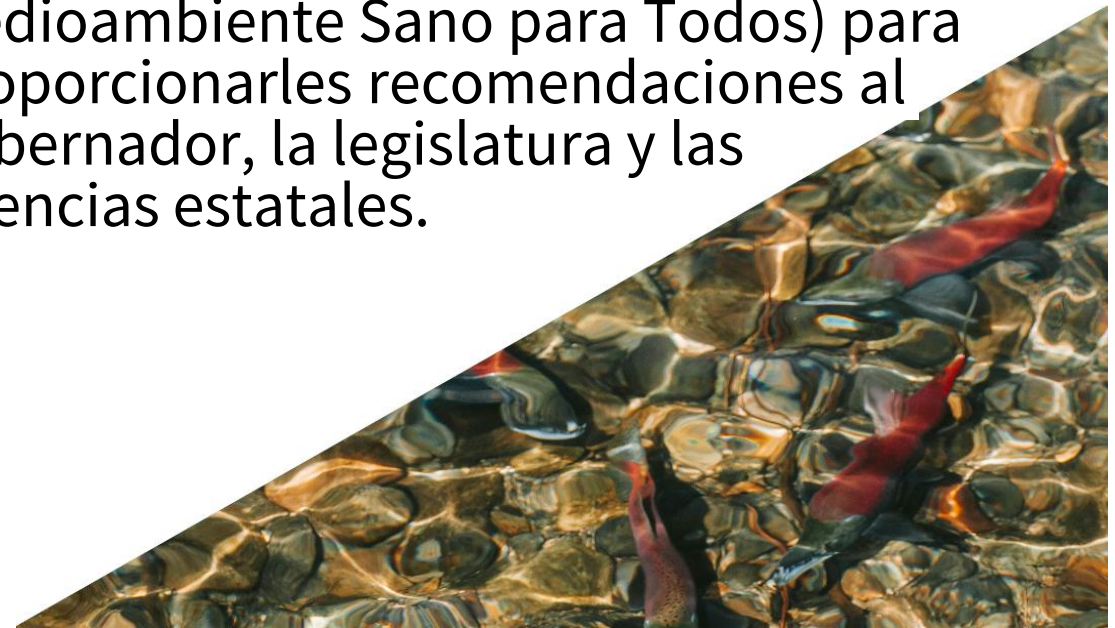
Purpose and Responsibilities

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Objetivo y responsabilidades

Actuar como foro para las inquietudes y prioridades relativas a la justicia ambiental.

El Consejo de Justicia Ambiental tiene amplias facultades en virtud de la ley HEAL (por su sigla en inglés, Ley de Medioambiente Sano para Todos) para proporcionarles recomendaciones al gobernador, la legislatura y las agencias estatales.





The Council consists of 16 members appointed by the governor. Council membership includes seats for community representatives, a youth community representative, environmental justice practitioners, Tribes, labor and business.

Membership

Membresía

El consejo estará formado por 16 miembros nombrados por el gobernador. Entre ellos, se incluyen puestos para representantes de la comunidad, un representante de la comunidad juvenil, profesionales de la justicia ambiental, tribus, trabajadores y empresas.



- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Health
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Transportation
- Puget Sound Partnership

- Departamento de Agricultura
- Departamento de Comercio
- Departamento de Ecología
- Departamento de Salud
- Departamento de Recursos Naturales
- Departamento de Transporte
- Sociedad de Puget Sound



Every Council meeting will have time for you to share your environmental justice concerns and ideas.

You can sign-up to provide comments at the meeting by emailing envjustice@ejc.wa.gov.

Friday April 10, 2026 from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

You can find information about the Council, the meeting agenda, and meeting materials [online](#).

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En todas las reuniones del Consejo, se destina tiempo a que los asistentes planteen sus inquietudes e ideas sobre la justicia ambiental.

Si desea registrarse para hacer comentarios en la reunión, escriba a envjustice@ejc.wa.gov.

El viernes 10 de abril de 2026 de 1:00 p. m. a 4:00 p. m.

Puede encontrar información sobre el Consejo y la agenda y los materiales de la reunión [en línea](#).

Community Representative (3)

Tribal Representative (2)

Those interested in being considered for appointment to serve on the council may apply on the [Governor's Boards and Commissions website](#).

Council Vacancies

Vacantes en el Consejo

Representante Comunitario (3)

Representante Tribal (2)

Las personas interesadas en que se las considere para uno de esos puestos pueden enviar una solicitud a través del [sitio web de mesas directivas y comisiones del gobernador](#).

Subvención de Capacidad Comunitaria HEAL

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Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Community
Capacity Grant | Washington State Department
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PUBLIC HEALTH SEATTLE
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HEALTH EQUITY AND
ANTI-RACISM
COMMUNITY ADVISORY
GROUP
(HEARCAG)

Tiara Ranson

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NEXT MEETING:

Wed. May 13

FOCUS:

New Community / DOH Leadership Charter

Look back / Look Ahead

Workgroup Updates

Thank you from the Secretary of Health

VISIT:

<https://waportal.org/partners/community-collaborative>

