

Washington Syndemic Planning Group Meeting
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Tuesday May 27, 2025
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Conference Call

WSPG Members Attendance:

Name	Present	Away
Ann Mumford	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brigette Young	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Christina Jackson	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christopher Claypool	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Ella Deverse	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Elsa Daly	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hexe Fey	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Howard Russell	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Tillett	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jsani Henry	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Wilcox	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Lara West	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Al-Hakim	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name	Present	Away
Nia Sipili (Fania)	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monte Levine	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Omero Perez	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ray Gregson	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tamara Foreman	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Tyrell Jackson	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
Tanaya Davis	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Victor Loo	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walter McKenzie	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
William Harrison	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yob Benami	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth Crutsinger-Perry	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>

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MEMBERS of the PUBLIC PRESENT:

DOH SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Shana Ferguson

TOPIC	FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTIONS & DUE DATES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
I. Call to Order/ Welcome by Tri-Chairs and member check and connect (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM • Many folks from DOH are presenting tonight • Community agreements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Center community ▪ Experience discomfort ▪ Leave stories, take learnings ▪ Share space ▪ Acknowledge your impact ▪ Different perspectives ▪ “I” statements ▪ Expect and accept non-closure 		James
II. DOH/WSPG member updates (25 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin with election today for permanent community tri chair. This body has three tri chairs - governmental, provider, community. • Christina is the only one on the ballot • Christina: I am a mom of a blended family. 9 kids with husband together. I work in substance use disorder training. Supervisor for WSCC’s substance use disorder navigator training and admin. Accounting and business law degree. I worked in corporate for a long time. Have child who suffers from co-occurring disorder. Changed course of my life. Love working on nonprofit. Love being the voice of others who have not found theirs yet. Have thick skin. Served on multiple work groups. Lead many projects. Have been involved in grass root efforts. • Consensus/vote on Christina being acting tri chair starting in July - Yes • Some folks are transitioning out. Brigitte is one. Will no longer be able to participate with the WSPG as they do not reside, receive, or give services in WA state. Hoping we can pause and do farewell if they join. 		James

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update: Tamara has been on leave of absence for personal wellbeing. Returning to WSPG in June. • Open seat in steering committee. How would you like to proceed, out of 2 people, there is one person who would be able to fill the vacant seat. We can leave it to tri-chairs for final decision. • Yob: If they don't meet the criteria that are listed, then I think that makes them not eligible. • Starleen: Both have experience, but the piece is representation of people of color. Only one person fits that. • Yob: Then we have the person that meets the criteria. • Omero: We have to be careful because of the banned words list federally. • Victor: Since there is only 1 individual who meets the criteria for the listed representation, I recommend moving forward with the 1 individual. • Starleen: Happy to announce person. Tanaya If you would like to be on the steering committee, it is your position to take. We can follow up with email. • Tanaya: I would greatly appreciate that. 		
III. DOH Updates (45 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire: Next steps on strategic plan – WSPG planning committee that meets monthly. Doing a lot of planning in the background on how they want to receive data. Use what we are finding in data and deep dive into the root causes. More information to come soon. • Jon Stockton: Presentation - Hepatitis C Disease Burden Overview • Zandt Bryan: Presentation – Strategic Planning Data Review: A Broad, Sweeping Tour of the STI Landscape • Tim Candela: Presentation – Syndemic Strategic Planning: Overdose 		DOH Staff
III. Public Comment and other additional updates (5 mins)			Tri-chairs
IV. Closing Thoughts/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 7:26PM 		Tri-chairs

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Adjourn (5 minutes)			
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Minutes prepared by: Shana Ferguson

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Starleen Maharaj-Lewis

Minutes reviewed and approved by Tri-Chairs: James Tillett, Omero Perez, Beth Crutsinger-Perry