



STATE OF WASHINGTON

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### **Vaccine Advisory Committee Washington State Department of Health Purpose Statement January 2018**

**PURPOSE:** To provide recommendations to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) on issues related to the use of vaccines and other medications for public health prevention of and response to infectious diseases that vaccines can prevent.

**DESCRIPTION:** This committee shall provide guidance and serve as an advisory body to the department and assist the department and its partners with achieving the full benefit of vaccines to prevent disease and disability across the lifespan.

**RATIONALE:** Current expertise provided by healthcare providers and other partners will provide guidance to DOH and inform the strategic implementation of vaccine usage and vaccine administration at the clinical level.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The State Health Officer chairs this meeting. There shall be statewide representation with approximately 20 members total. To the extent possible, membership shall include representation from the Washington Vaccine Association (WVA) in order to facilitate communication between the VAC and the WVA. Members shall represent the following areas:

- Tribal Health
- Public Health
- School Health
- Epidemiology
- Pediatrics
- Family Practice
- Internal Medicine
- Pharmacies
- Naturopathic Medicine
- OB/GYN

**LOCATION:** Meeting room in the Seattle/Tacoma area, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.