

**Renegotiation of the City/County Public Health Interlocal Agreement and
Response to City Council SLI on Contracting for Enhanced Public Health Services
City of Seattle Goal, Objectives and Assumptions/Principles
4/12/10**

Goal:

Strengthen the delivery of public health in Seattle and King County in order to create the conditions that improve the health of all communities, eliminate health inequities and maximize the number of healthy years lived by each person.

Objectives:

- Maintain and strengthen the positive relationship that the City now has with Public Health—Seattle & King County (Public Health).
- Outline and codify the respective responsibilities that King County and the City of Seattle have regarding Public Health.
- Establish communication and oversight mechanisms for the County and City to address governance and other issues concerning the City's and County's joint agreement on Public Health.
- Assure a strong City presence and influence on Public Health's policies, activities and services in Seattle.
- Acknowledge the enhanced role that Public Health has with the City of Seattle as compared to other cities in King County.
- Foster partnerships between Public Health and other City departments/offices to help create the conditions for healthy communities.
- Result in no negative impacts to direct service delivery.
- Yield efficiencies.
- Establish an accountability framework for City funding of Public Health services and programs including outcomes and reporting.
- Delineate staffing and oversight responsibilities of Public Health and the City regarding the City's enhanced public health funding and services. Provide adequate City funding to assure an appropriate level of oversight.

Assumptions and Principles:

- The City wants to continue its historical role of jointly ensuring, with King County, that Public Health has the capacity and services in place to be responsive to community health needs and to effectively promote health through policy, system and environmental change.
- King County has financial, policy and statutory responsibility for the delivery of public health services in all of King County.

- A renegotiated revised Interlocal Agreement should recognize that the City's funding of Public Health is voluntary and to be used for enhanced public health services and activities as outlined in the HCI Policy Guide.
- The City's goals outlined in the HCI Policy Guide will be advanced through a renegotiated Interlocal Agreement:
 - Eliminate health disparities based on race, income, ethnicity, immigrant/refugee status, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, health insurance status, neighborhood, or level of education.
 - Improve quality and access to clinical and preventive health services.
 - Protect and foster the health and well being of communities.
 - Support other City goals such as ending homelessness, closing the academic achievement gap, ending domestic violence, and healthy aging.