

PRWG Weekly Update



Key Updates

- The Coordinating Draft of the [10-year Plan to Reduce Poverty and Inequality](#) was released last week!
- We have 20 letters of support for the plan from several agencies, organizations, and the National Indian Health Board.
- There is great engagement on social media with almost 300 new followers on [Facebook](#) and we've had 23,000 impressions [on Twitter](#).
- Spread the word about [social media](#) and invite people to join our distribution list on www.DismantlePovertyinWA.com.

Upcoming Presentations, Events, and Meetings

- Catholic Charities presentation on March 10 (Seattle)
- Washington State Healthcare Authority on April 13 (Olympia)
- Washington State Advisory Council on Homelessness and the Interagency Council on Homelessness on April 16 (SeaTac)
- Webinars will be scheduled for early April

How to Engage

- Reach out to [Lindsay Morgan Tracy](#) to schedule a webinar or presentation for feedback on the 10-year plan.
- Engage on social media.
- Continue to tell us what you are hearing in the community to inform the plan.
- Email [Lindsay](#) your recommendations from the questions below about COVID-19 and she'll compile them for the Department of Health.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) connections to vulnerable populations

- While this is an anxious time for everyone, it is more difficult for those who are experiencing stigma and prejudice due to racism and misinformation and for those who don't have the money to buy preventive care items or stock up on food. These are the

exact issues that we have committed to work on and that we have raised in the *10-Year Plan to Reduce Poverty and Inequality*. **We're asking for your thoughts and suggestions:**

- Do you have ideas for specific actions that we could take as members of this group or agencies represented on this group to combat the racism toward people of Asian descent?
- Do you have ideas for specific actions about how we can assist people experiencing poverty in preparing or responding to issues of health and safety?
- Many state and local agencies are working together to help people throughout the state understand Coronavirus (COVID-19) and take the best actions to protect themselves and their families. As part of this effort, these agencies are developing fact sheets and key messages. In an event that rapidly evolves, there is not always time to test messages to make sure they are meeting the needs of every audience. The Department of Health is considering creating a Rapid Review Team of people outside their agency who can take a look at materials and messages developed to help fight stigma, and give feedback. It would not take up a lot of time, and would happen through an email or phone call. **Are you willing to be a part of this group?**
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) information:** Making sure we all have the most accurate information on COVID-19 will help us all be better prepared and stop the spread of misinformation. For more information on coronavirus (or COVID-19), please visit the Department of Health's [website](#) or the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's [website](#). The Department of Health also has a COVID-19 information hotline at 1-800-525-0127.

Mark Your Calendar

- March celebration event: Dates and location still TBD.

Continue the conversation online!

- Facebook: [@DismantlePovertyinWA](#)
- Twitter: [@DismantlePovWA](#)
- www.DismantlePovertyinWA.com
- Steering Committee video: <https://youtu.be/K0QqG48fJBM>