



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 20, 2016

Resolution 16-08

Proposed No. 16-08.1

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION encouraging efforts to protect
2 individuals within King County from human
3 papillomavirus-associated cancers and other conditions by
4 improving human papillomavirus vaccination rates and
5 increasing knowledge and acceptance of human
6 papillomavirus vaccines among parents and adolescents.

7 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly
8 eighty million Americans, which is one in four, are currently infected with at least one
9 type of human papillomavirus, and

10 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that human
11 papillomavirus infections are responsible for an estimated thirty thousand seven hundred
12 new cancer cases each year in the United States, and

13 WHEREAS, human papillomavirus is thought to be responsible for more than
14 ninety percent of anal and cervical cancers, about seventy percent of vaginal and vulvar
15 cancers and more than sixty percent of penile cancers, and

16 WHEREAS, the incidence of noncervical cancers associated with human
17 papillomavirus is increasing, and

18 WHEREAS, in Washington state, the overall annual rate of all human
19 papillomavirus-associated cancers is 11.2 per one hundred thousand persons, which

20 equates to an average of two hundred thirty human papillomavirus-associated cancers
21 diagnosed in King County annually, and

22 WHEREAS, in King County, American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic
23 women have the highest rates of cervical cancer, followed by black, Asian/Pacific
24 Islander and white women, and

25 WHEREAS, human papillomavirus vaccines are recommended by the United
26 States Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for males and females ages eleven
27 to twelve, with "catch-up" doses for females up to age twenty-six and for males up to age
28 twenty-one who were not vaccinated earlier in adolescence, and

29 WHEREAS, the United States Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
30 also recommends human papillomavirus vaccination for men age twenty-two through
31 twenty-six years who have sex with men or who are immunocompromised, and

32 WHEREAS, more than seven years of vaccine safety monitoring by the Centers
33 for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration provide
34 continued evidence of the safety of human papillomavirus vaccines, and

35 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
36 progress in the United States toward achievement of the Healthy People 2020 goal of
37 eighty percent human papillomavirus vaccination coverage among thirteen- to fifteen-
38 year-olds has stagnated, resulting in ongoing vulnerability to human papillomavirus-
39 related morbidity and mortality, and

40 WHEREAS, Washington state Immunization Information System data indicate
41 that local human papillomavirus vaccination coverage levels continue to be inadequate
42 with only thirty-eight percent of thirteen-to-seventeen-year-old girls and twenty-six

43 percent of thirteen-to-seventeen-year-old boys in King County completing the three-dose
44 human papillomavirus vaccine series, and

45 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, missed
46 clinical opportunities are the most important reason why the United States has not
47 achieved high rates of human papillomavirus vaccine uptake, and

48 WHEREAS, parents' knowledge, attitudes and beliefs affect whether their
49 children receive vaccines, and

50 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the President's
51 Cancer Panel have identified improving uptake of human papillomavirus vaccines as a
52 public health priority to reduce cancer in the United States;

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
54 County:

55 A. The Board of Health supports efforts by Public Health - Seattle & King
56 County to establish a learning collaborative where key stakeholders will engage in quality
57 improvement processes to better understand the barriers that contribute to suboptimal
58 adolescent coverage of the human papillomavirus vaccine, as well as other vaccines,
59 implement process change interventions, conduct an evaluation, disseminate best
60 practices, work to understand disproportionality in vaccination rates across communities
61 and specifically target communication and interventions to communities that have
62 experienced disproportionately lower rates of vaccination;

63 B. The Board of Health encourages health care providers to take advantage of all
64 appropriate clinical opportunities to strongly recommend the human papillomavirus

65 vaccine to adolescent patients so as to prevent human papillomavirus-related diseases in
66 the future; and

67 C. The Board of Health endorses coordinated communication campaigns to
68 educate parents about the long-term risks associated with human papillomavirus infection
69 and to accurately convey the benefits of human papillomavirus vaccine.

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Resolution 16-08 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 9/15/2016,
by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Ms. Lambert, Dr. Danielson, Ms. Bagshaw, Mr. McDermott,
Mr. Dembowski, Dr. Daniell, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Juarez and Ms.

Kloba

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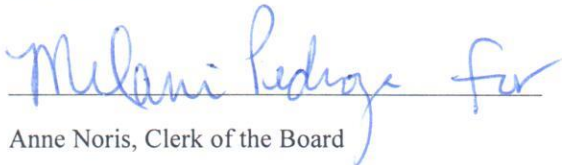
Excused: 3 - Mr. Baker, Ms. Wales and Ms. Honda

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None