

EQUITY WORKING GROUP

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

Location: 421 W Riverside Ave, Suite #500
Date: December 4th, 2025
Time: 4:15 – 5:15 pm
SRTC Staff: Michael Redlinger, Savannah Creasey, Angela Paparazzo, Ben Kloskey
SRHD Staff: Devyn Bell
Attendees: Jared A., Monica H., Daniel P., Addyson F., Madeline A., Holly C., Katy P., Jessica L.

Michael welcomed the group and commented on agenda items for the day. The meeting began with a round of introductions, beginning with SRTC and SRHD staff.

The first agenda item, SRTC's Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan (CPT-HSTP), was presented by Angela Paparazzo. Angela began by introducing the CPT-HSTP. The plan update includes an analysis of mobility and available transportation services for seniors, people experiencing poverty, and people with disabilities. The plan provides the community and service providers with a tool to better understand persistent transportation barriers and information that could be used to inform improvement of transportation services. Angela reviewed the importance and required planning elements to be included in the CPT-HSTP and emphasized the role of community outreach during plan development. She provided several examples of programs covered in the CPT-HSTP that support the transportation network, such as Cancer Can't and Special Mobility Services. Last, Angela highlighted the anticipated plan development and public outreach timeline, with adoption of the updated plan anticipated in July 2026. Participant questions and comments addressed the potential for communication with for-profit mobility and transportation companies, outreach to potential transit users who can't currently access the system, access gaps (such as missing sidewalks), and connecting with community-based organizations. Holly and Katy, representing Special Mobility Services, discussed travel training that their organization offers for people who are new to public transit or who may need assistance utilizing transit services.

Next, to provide context for the next agenda item, Michael provided a statement clarifying that Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) would be partnering with SRTC to co-host meetings of the Regional Equity Working Group throughout 2026. Devyn Bell then presented an overview of Spokane Regional Health District. She discussed the Health District's operational area and background, then went into detail on the agency's vision, mission, and values, which were recently updated along with SRHD's Strategic Plan in 2025. She spoke to the value of aligning with SRTC on the Equity Working Group to help both agencies better connect with the community and help community participants get the most out of their time and interface with government. Devyn also discussed the ten essential public health services and described SRHD's responsibility for the health of the region's entire population. She commented on the variety of SRHD programs and responsibilities – ranging from animal and insect disease prevention to birth and death certificates. Last, Devyn presented the four goals of SRHD's new Strategic Plan. Participant comments regarded the wide range of programs led by the Health District, climate change emergencies and community resiliency, and emergency response. Devyn also discussed SRHD's partnership with Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency on their Smoke Ready Spokane

campaign and promised to share a document which lists and provides a brief explanation for the wide variety of SRHD programs. (That document is included at the end of these meeting notes.)

Michael then introduced the final agenda item, the Year-End Recap and Review. The Equity Working Group typically closes each calendar year with a short overview of the topics and efforts that the group has contributed to throughout the calendar year. The 2025 Review began with a discussion of SRTC's Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, Horizon 2050. Michael provided an overview of the plan's importance and included components. He informed the group that the plan is up for action at the December 2025 SRTC Board meeting. Savannah discussed community outreach and engagement during the plan update process and provided a brief overview of the results of SRTC's public survey. She also highlighted the importance of community feedback to the final document. Appendix A of Horizon 2050 goes into greater detail and includes a full record of public comments. Savannah then commented on SRTC's annual TIP update, which was adopted in October. She provided a summary of comments received during the public comment period and noted other agencies that participated in the TIP Public Meeting. Michael revisited SRTC's Unified List of Regional Transportation Priorities, which was presented to the group early in 2025. Madeline from STA provided an update on STA's Title VI Program Update, which was presented to the Equity Working Group twice throughout 2025. The Title VI Program update is up for action at STA's December 2025 Board meeting. Jared, representing the Northeast Public Development Authority, commented on developments related to the Hillyard Subarea Plan, which is fully drafted and moving forward through the City of Spokane. Other EWG activities in 2025 included commenting on possible locations for Zev Co-op car-sharing, updates to SRTC's Transportation Advisory Committee bylaws and structure, work on SRTC's Safe Streets for All education and safety campaign, and bringing in SRHD as a co-host and partner. Savannah and Michael also provided the EWG a look ahead to some potential activities for 2026.

To wrap up the meeting, Michael discussed scheduling recurring Equity Working Group meetings throughout 2026 and indicated that SRTC would send out a Doodle poll out to participants to help select the day and time for meetings. Some participants stayed after the meeting for additional conversation.



Access to Baby & Child Dentistry (ABCD)

509.324.1687

Expanded dental services and case management for children under the age of 6 with Medicaid.

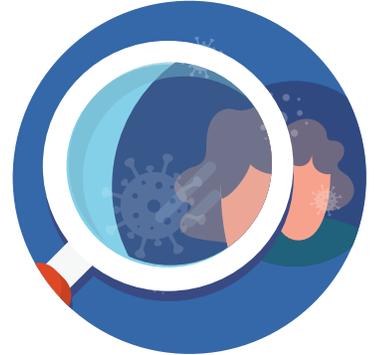


Birth/Death Certificates

509.324.1601

srhd.org/birth-death-certificates

Washington state birth certificates and Spokane County death certificates.



Communicable Disease Investigation & Prevention

509.324.1442

Monitoring, tracking, and response to infectious disease in the community to prevent spread of illness.



Animal & Insect Disease Prevention

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Investigate reports of animal bites and contact with bats in order to prevent the spread of rabies.



Children & Youths with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

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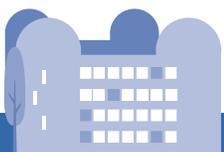
Support for children, ages 4 to 18 with special health care needs.



Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT)

509.324.1651

Serves children, ages birth to 3, who are at risk of developing serious chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions. Provides families support via resources and links to community services, care coordination, and health information.

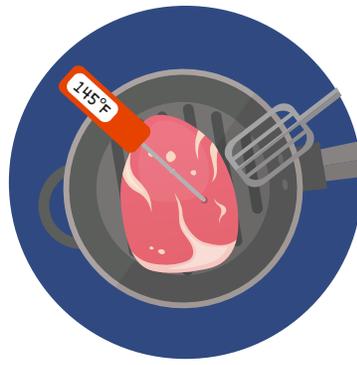




Emergency Preparedness & Response

509.324.1673

Preparation, response, and assistance in recovery from natural and human-caused public health incidents and threats.



Food Safety

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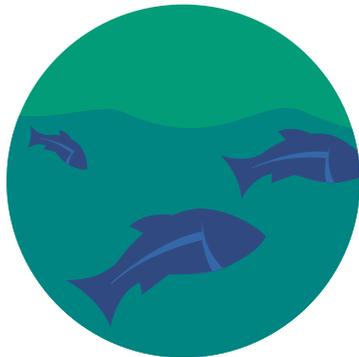
Restaurant inspections, permits, and food handler's permits.



Liquid Waste Program

509.324.1560, x1

Offers consultation and permitting for on-site sewage systems in Spokane County. Provides complaint consultation for sewage on the ground.



Environmental Resources

509.324.1560

Offers consultations for private well owners, reviews land development, conducts visits to identify and control contaminants entering groundwater, fish advisory on the Spokane River, pollution prevention technical assistance for small business owners and provides solid waste complaint consultation.



HIV/STD Prevention

509.324.1494

Support, advocacy, referrals, and linkage to health insurance and community resources, information and education, skill building and coordination of services around their health condition.



Nurse-Family Partnership

509.324.1621

Connects pregnant people with a personal nurse for support, advice, and information needed in order to have a healthy pregnancy, a healthy baby and be a great parent. To enroll, a person must be pregnant, meet income criteria, and live in Spokane County.



HIV/STD Case Management

509.324.1542

Case management is for people living with HIV who could benefit from support, advocacy, linkage to health insurance and community resources, education, or coordination of services around their health condition.



Opioid Treatment Program

509.324.1420

Outpatient treatment, counseling, medication, mental health services and referral services for adults with opioid use disorder.





Syringe Services

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Provides one-for-one exchange of used syringes for new ones.



Water Safety

509.324.1560, x4

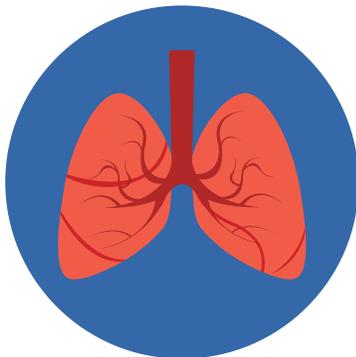
Permits, inspections, and drowning prevention.



Youth Cannabis & Commercial Tobacco Program

509.232.1707

Advocates for tobacco and cannabis cessation, prevention of youth initiation of tobacco and cannabis product use, and community protection from secondhand smoke exposure.



Tuberculosis Program

509.324.1613

Provides education and consultation to local medical providers and community partners about screening, latent case management and infection control.



Women, Infants & Children Nutrition Program (WIC)

Supplemental food program for infants, children, and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. WIC also provides services that help address health needs during and after pregnancy and in early childhood.

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Vaccines & Immunization

509.324.1611

Immunization facilitation, outreach, and resources.



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