

Notes From the Editor's Desk

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Welcome to the second issue of the *Washington State Journal of Public Health Practice*. This issue presents a variety of issues to stimulate thinking about both the content and process of our practice. Articles represent authors from as far away as Ohio to as close as many of our own counties. Information is presented on topics that range from chronic diseases like Diabetes to MVA crash prevention; from telepsychiatry in the San Juan Islands to assuring health information reaches even more of our residents. I trust you will find something that contributes to your knowledge and practice.

As a new journal, the biggest challenge we face is soliciting enough quality manuscripts to offer a robust issue. It is no coincidence that public health professionals are so busy doing the work of public health that there is little additional time to write about that work. I encourage you to share your work with your colleagues across the State, the Pacific Northwest Region and across the Country by submitting a manuscript. Others must "hear" of the good research, good practice, and good works that come from good public health professionals.

A great deal has happened in our world since the last issue of the *Washington State Journal of Public Health Practice* was released. The "reset" of our national economic baseline, unprecedented state budget shortfalls, H1N1 Influenza; all difficult to manage alone, and nearly impossible to manage when they happen in unison. Public Health remains even more important as these events continue to unfold.

I commented in the last issue that, "It is becoming impossible for one to simply be a bystander as national events unfold." That statement continues to be true today.

Be involved.