

Policy prioritization framework (SR 21-030; N. Thomsen)

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**Prior Board Review:**

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Over the past two Program Policy Committee meetings, briefings on the concept and use of a work plan have been presented. In January, members requested the development of a combined public health and administrative annual plan. In February, members supported drafted prioritization concepts.

Using these concepts, an initial prioritization framework (Exhibit A) has been developed. This framework is to be used in conjunction with drafted PRO 100.001 – Policies and Procedures (Exhibit B).

Goals of this framework are to:

- Provide a usable tool in determining which policies are identified for development
- Create equal footing between public health and administrative policies
- Establish connective and actionable threads between existing plans and policies.

The framework establishes five tiers of prioritization: urgent, high, medium-high, medium-low, and low. Prior to using the framework, a policy idea must be developed sufficiently to determine its primary purpose, who will be impacted and benefited (people), and where the impact will be focused (place). Using the policy concept, it is then evaluated through a series of lenses. First, adherence with the 2020 Strategic Plan. Second, alignment with established equity goals and Resolution 20-17: Supporting Equity. Third, alignment with District principles of transparency, clarity, and structure. And lastly, regulatory or other time sensitivities (e.g., auditor and legislative mandates). This framework is not intended to limit policy identification or staff innovation.

**Board Authority**

Consistent with Resolution 19-20 and the revised Division of Responsibilities (10/8/19), the Board of Health is responsible for setting District budget and policy.

**Recommended Motion**

**No action required. Briefing only.**