

Breakout Room 3 Participants

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Homework: In what ways can the State of Washington support having more qualified medical interpreters?

- Please see [Information Sheet: Preliminary Elements of Medical Interpreter Testing and Certification](#) for examples as well as preliminary elements of medical interpreter testing and certification to be considered in a recommendation
 - Participants are encouraged to use the [Language Access Work Group: Draft Recommendations Form](#), which includes elements from the [Information Sheet](#), as they draft their recommendations
- DSHS should resume testing; works well, has more interpreters.
 - Propose update of current test (\$75).
 - CCHI testing boards; currently used. Expensive but valid.
 - DSHS is not losing money by testing.
 - Job task analysis to find out how much has changed since 1995 with interpreter work to update test.
 - Making sure we have access to education so people can prepare and pass.
 - Free or low-cost tests.
 - Clarification question about DSHS no longer testing?? Other certifications too expensive?
 - Higher authority requiring certain testing entities? If not, state could create cost effective test.
 - Evidence-based practices necessary? CCHI testing validity a necessary standard?
 - Make sure our requirements are not more stringent than necessary.
 - Authentic verbal and action support; reduce intimidation factor.
 - Expanding beyond the five primary languages.
 - Should stick with state standards of language translation options.
 - Authentic conversations with diverse communities.

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