

Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE)
April 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Central Office Madison Building
109 Governor Street, Richmond, VA 23219
Mezzanine Conference Room– 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Attended in Richmond: **M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA; Lauren R. Powell, PhD; Melody Armstrong, MPA, BSN; MPA; Linda Lee Redmond, PhD; Nia Harrison, MPP; Bonny K. Dillon, PhD, BCPC, LPC; Maceo E. Freeman, D. Min; Luisa F. Soaterna-Castaneda, BS, MPH; Kate S. K. Lim, MT, (ASCP), FACHE, CPHQ; Antonio Villa, MD, MPH; Augustine Doe, MS, MPA**

Attended Via Polycom/Phone: **Lauren James, MD;**

Did Not Attend: **Keisha L. Smith, MPA; J. Elisha Burke, M. Div., D. Min.; Patti Kiger, M. Ed; Elvira De La Cruz, BS; Belinda H Willis, M. Ed; C. Melissa Neu, DSL; Jene' Carter, MA.MPP; Kathryn E. MacCormick, MSc;**

WELCOME

Ms. Melody Armstrong, ACHDHE Chair, introduced herself and requested that attendees introduce themselves prior to calling the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The April 16, 2019 meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The ACHDHE January 2019 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

ACHDHE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER

Ms. Armstrong read the ACHDHE's recommendations from the January 2019 meeting presentations and a member suggested the style of the document be altered. Kindly see the attached recommendation document with changes.

STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

The State Health Commission, Dr. Norm Oliver, welcomed the ACHDHE members and the new members as well prior to sharing his updates.

- **ACHDHE Recommendations:**

In his opening remarks, Dr. Oliver thanked the ACHDHE for the recommendations and he shared the following.

- Several aspects of the recommendations are in progress as well as the need for VDH to collaborate more with other state agencies.
- The new state Health Improvement Plan includes a number of matrix that address a wide range of the social determinants of health (SDOH).

- **VDH Updates:**

Dr. Oliver shared the following:

- VDH senior leadership is reviewing ways to address inequities agency-wide by reviewing policies that promote a more diverse, equitable and inclusive workforce.

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- VDH signed an agreement with the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) on data sharing. An established central data storage point will serve as a resource for both agencies.

PRESENTATION:

- **Topic: “Virginia’s 2019 General Assembly Update”**

Presentation link:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2019/05/ACHDHE-Virginia-2019-GA-Update.pdf>

Presenter: Joe Hilbert, Deputy Commissioner for Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Commissioner, VDH

- **Topic: “Opioid Addiction and Response Overview”**

Presentation link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2019/05/ACHDHE-Presentation-April-2019-Kiser.pdf>

Presenter: Johnathan Kiser, Office of Emergency Preparedness, VDH, and Veronica Cosby, Office of Health Equity, VDH

- **Topic: “Opioid Response: Faith Communities in Action ”**

Presentation link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2019/05/VA-P3-Opioid-Response.pdf>

Presenter: Veronica Cosby, Virginia’s Partners in Prayer and Prevention Program Coordinator, Office of Health Equity, VDH

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

UPDATES:

Dr. Lauren Powell, Director, Office of Health Equity (OHE)

Dr. Powell shared the following updates:

The Office of Health Equity Community Collaboration & Engagement Initiatives:

- OHE Virginia P3 presented another community conversation on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia. The topic was “Health & Wellness: Building a Culture of Health and Fitness.” Actual fitness sessions were held for the attendees.
- OHE Black History Month Observance:
 - Community presentation in collaboration with Richmond Association of Black Social Workers on the topic: “Black Mental Health: Stigma and the Impact on Health,” February 21, 2019 at Virginia Union University.
- National Public Health Week and National Minority Health Week, April 2019:
 - Community presentation in collaboration with the Office of the Commissioner on the topic: “USPHS Study of Untreated Syphilis in African American Men in Tuskegee, AL.
 - Month long physical fitness events every Tuesday in April 2019, at Virginia Department of Health, 109 Governor in Richmond, Virginia.
 - Virginia Black Maternal Health Week Symposium in collaboration with Richmond Memorial Health Foundation on April 15, 2019 in Richmond, Virginia

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- Community presentation in collaboration with Norfolk State University on the topic: “Black Mental Health: Stigma and the Impact on Health,” April 23, 2019 at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Virginia.
- Community movie screening and panel discussion in collaboration with the Office of Epidemiology on the topic: ““Until the Well Runs Dry”,” April 24, 2019, at Virginia Museum of History and Culture in Richmond, Virginia.
- An expanded public health collaboration with the local health districts in Eastern Virginia and a non-traditional public health partnership with Trap Karaoke during the initial “Something in the Water” musical festival in Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 29 & 30, 2019.

Other Updates:

- ACHDHE member will share the updated link to Virginia’s Board for People with Disability “Creating Inclusive Communities” Request for Proposal.

Public Comment

- No public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Next ACHDHE MEETING: Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

Time: 11:00am – 2:00 pm

Location: Mezzanine Conference Room, VDH Central Office, 109 Governor Street, 233219 or via Polycom upon request.

Respectfully submitted by:

Augustine Doe, Health Equity Specialist

Minutes reviewed by:

Ms. Melody Armstrong, Chair

Dr. J. Elisha Burke, Vice Chair

Luisa Soaterna-Castaneda, Chair Emeritus