

Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE)
July 9, 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; Linda Lee Redmond, PhD; Bonny K. Dillon, PhD, BCPC, LPC; Maceo E. Freeman, D. Min; Keisha L. Smith, MPA; J. Elisha Burke, M. Div., D. Min.; Patti Kiger, M. Ed; Elvira De La Cruz, BS; Kate S. K. Lim, MT, (ASCP), FACHE, CPHQ; Antonio Villa, MD, MPH; Lauren James, MD; Heidi Lawyer; Augustine Doe, MS, MPA**
Attended Via Polycom/Phone: **Luisa F. Soaterna-Castaneda, BS, MPH; C. Melissa Neu, DSL;**
Did Not Attend: **Melody Armstrong, MPA, BSN; MPA; Belinda H Willis, M. Ed; Jene' Carter, MA. MPP; Kathryn E. MacCormick, MSc; Radhika Thirunagari, MS; Nia Harrison, MPP;**

WELCOME

Dr. J. Elisha Burke, ACHDHE Vice Chair, introduced himself and requested that attendees introduce themselves prior to calling the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The July 9, 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

Dr. Burke, ACHDHE Vice Chair, read the ACHDHE's recommendations from the April 2019 meeting presentations and delivered the document to the State Health Commissioner, Dr. Norman Oliver. Recommendations link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2019/07/MArmstrong-ACHDHE-Recommendation-Revisions-July-2019.pdf>

STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

The State Health Commission, Dr. Norm Oliver, thanked the ACHDHE members for the recommendations and encouraged them to be more involved in their communities. Although several aspects of the recommendations are in progress at the agency, Dr. Oliver shared, he requested the ACHDHE members to be more involved and to work more closely with their communities, the medical community, and elected officials in advancing some of the recommendations.

- **VDH Updates:**

Dr. Oliver shared the following:

- **VDH collaborative work with the Virginia's Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) and other statewide partners has yielded the following:**
 - The group adopted the Virginia's Plan for Well-Being as its primary framework
 - The group's agenda was developed to specifically promote health equity in Virginia

PRESENTATION:

- **Topic: "Virginia's First LGBTQ+ Health Equity Symposium & LGBTQ+ Public Health Data Collection"**

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Presentation link:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2019/07/LGBTQ-Symposium-Data-Collection-for-LGBTQ-Populations-1.pdf>

Presenter: Ted Heck, HIV Prevention Contract Monitor & Transgender Health Services Coordinator, VDH

- **Topic: “Virginia’s Community Health Workers (CHW)”**

Presentation link:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2019/07/Office-of-Chronic-Disease-CHW-presentation.pdf>

Presentation Resource:

<https://www.chwva.org/>

Presenter: Valarie McAllister, Community Clinical Linkages Coordinator, VDH

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business at the meeting.

UPDATES:

Office of Health Equity (OHE) Updates

Augustine Doe, Health Equity Specialist, shared the Office of Health Equity (OHE) updates on behalf of Dr. Lauren Powell, OHE Director.

The Office of Health Equity Community Collaboration & Engagement Initiatives:

- Virginia’s First LGBTQ+ Health Equity Symposium & LGBTQ+ Public Health Data Collection: Over 220 community members and representatives from across multiple sectors and institutions in Virginia attended Virginia’s first LGBTQ+ Health Equity Symposium.
- The Office of Health Equity and the Thomas Jefferson Health District in Charlottesville, Virginia are collaborating with multiple local partners to host another moderated panel discussion on the topic: “Black Mental Health: Racism, Stigma, and its Impact on Health,” on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 6:00 pm. The event will be at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 233 4th Street NW, Charlottesville, VA. Register at:

Upcoming Events:

- Health Equity Boot Camp for legislatures. Features include:
 - Emphasis on health in all policies concepts, and;
 - The creation of a health equity common language dictionary/document.
- Henrietta Lacks Legacy 2019 event is being planned for October 2019.

Other Updates:

- The members shared no other updates.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

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Next ACHDHE MEETING: Tuesday, October 8, 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