

**Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE)**  
**January 8, 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: **Lauren R. Powell, PhD; Melody Armstrong, MPA, BSN; MPA; Linda Lee Redmond, PhD; Nia Harrison, MPP; Keisha L. Smith, MPA; J. Elisha Burke, M. Div., D. Min.; Elvira De La Cruz, BS; Bonny K. Dillon, PhD, BCPC, LPC; Maceo E. Freeman, D. Min; Lauren James, MD; C. Melissa Neu, DSL; Antonio Villa, MD, MPH; Belinda H Willis, M. Ed; Augustine Doe, MS, MPA**  
Attended Via Polycom/Phone: **Patti Kiger, M. Ed;**  
Did Not Attend: **M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA; Luisa F. Soaterna-Castaneda, BS, MPH; Kate S. K. Lim, MT, (ASCP), FACHE, CPHQ; 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 January 2019 meeting agenda was approved with minor adjustments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The ACHDHE October 2018 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

**ACHDHE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER**

Dr. J. Elisha Burke, ACHDHE Vice Chair, read and delivered the ACHDHE's recommendations from the October 2018 meeting to Dr. Laurie Forlano for the State Health Commissioner, Dr. Oliver.

**STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES**

Prior to her presentation, Dr. Forlano, Deputy Commissioner for Population Health and Director, Office of Epidemiology, VDH shared Dr. Oliver's regrets about his inability to attend the ACHDHE meeting. She informed the ACHDHE of Dr. Oliver's urgent state leadership meeting a day in advance of Virginia's 2019 General Assembly. Dr. Oliver plans to be at the next ACHDHE meeting on April 9, 2019 to meet with the ACHDHE members and the new members.

**PRESENTATION:**

- **Topic: "Virginia's Plan for Well-Being 2018 Update"**  
**Presentation link:**  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2019/01/VA-Plan-for-Well-Being-2018-Update.pdf>  
**Presenters:** Dr. Laurie Forlano, Deputy Commissioner for Population Health and Director, Office of Epidemiology, VDH
- **Topic: "Virginia's Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan"**  
**Presentation link:**  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2019/01/CommunityHealth-Assessment-and-Improvement.pdf>  
**Presenters:** Khalida Willoughby, Population Health Trainer, VDH

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPDATES:**

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

Dr. Powell shared the following updates:

- OHE Virginia Partners in Prayers and Prevention (P3):  
OHE Virginia P3 presents another community conversation this weekend, Saturday, January 12, 2019, at 2:00 pm at the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia at 122 W. Leigh St, Richmond, VA 23220. The topic, Health & Wellness: Building a Culture of Health and Fitness will feature actual fitness sessions for the attendees. All are invited.
- OHE Accomplishments 2018:  
Dr. Powell recounted some of OHE's major accomplishments 2018 outlining Virginia's State Office of Rural Health 2018 Annual Grantee and Partnership Meeting, Henrietta Lacks Legacy Week, the newly established Henrietta Lacks Commission, the VDH Office of Health Equity statewide conference, "*Sowing the Seeds of Health Equity: Growing Healthy Connected Communities*" and "Community Conversations."

**Other Updates:**

- ACHDHE member shared Virginia's Board for People with Disability link to "Creating Inclusive Communities" Request for Proposal; <https://www.vaboard.org/grants.htm#administration>.

**Public Comment**

- A community member at the meeting shared information on a Community Health Worker (CHW) program in Lynchburg, VA.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

**Next ACHDHE MEETING:** Tuesday, April 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**