

State Health Commissioner's Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE)
January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Attended via Zoom/Phone: **Sable K. Nelson, JD; Melody Armstrong, MPA, BSN; Linda Lee Redmond, PhD; Nia Harrison, MPP; J. Elisha Burke, M. Div., D. Min.; Kate S. K. Bradshaw, Ph.D., FACHE, CPHQ; JohnJason Cecil, BA; Antonio Villa, MD, MPH; Eleanor Woodson, BSN, RN; Bonny K. Dillon, PhD, BCPC, LPC; Lauren Powell, Ph.D, MPA; Radhika Thirunagari, MS; Maceo E. Freeman, D. Min; Keisha L. Smith, MPA; Elvira De La Cruz, BS; Lean Abdelaziz, BA; Gordon Walker, MS; Melissa Neu, DSL; Lauren Powell, Ph.D; Patti Kiger, M. Ed; MS; Augustine Doe, MS, MPA, Jasmine Smith, BS; Veronica Cosby, MAHS, MS.**
Did Not Attend: **M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA; Daud Mohamed; Lauren James, MD;**

WELCOME

Ms. Melody Armstrong, ACHDHE Chair, introduced herself and welcomed the attendees before calling the meeting to order. She requested the ACHDHE members roll call.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The January 13, 2021 meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

Meeting Agenda:

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2021/01/ACHDHE-January-2021-Meeting-Agenda-1.pdf>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The ACHDHE October 13 2020 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Meeting Minutes: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2021/01/ACHDHE-October-2020-Meeting-Minutes1-1.pdf>

ACHDHE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. J. Elisha Burke, ACHDHE Vice Chair, read the ACHDHE's recommendations from the October 2020 meeting presentations.

Recommendations: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2021/01/January-2021-Recommendations-2.pdf>

STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Dr. Norman Oliver could not attend the ACHDHE January 2021 meeting. He regrets missing the meeting and he is planning to be at the next ACHDHE meetings.

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PRESENTATION:

- **Topic: "VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Overview"**
Presenter: Christine Gray, Director, Division of Immunization, VDH
Presentation link:
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2021/01/Vaccine-Presentation-1-12-2020.pdf>
- **Topic: "Virginia's COVID-19 Health Equity Research Agenda"**
Presenter: Justin Crow, Director, Division of Social Epidemiology, VDH
Presentation link:
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2021/01/Survey-Research-Agenda-ACHDHE-Meeting.pdf>

ACHDHE Updates:

Ms. Melody Armstrong, ACHDHE Chair shared with the members that the election results will be delivered to the position aspirants and the ACHDHE membership at a later date after sharing the result with the State Health Commissioner. Ms. Armstrong thanked the ACHDHE members and candidates for their participation in the process.

UPDATES:

Office of Health Equity (OHE) Updates

Sable K. Nelson, Acting Director, Office of Health Equity (OHE) shared updates about VDH online tools and resources:

COVID-19 and You: Find more information on COVID-19 to include:

Link: <https://vdh.jebbit.com/pkzmsbtj?L=Owned+Web&JC=Intranet>

- COVIDWISE - Virginia's free COVIDWISE Exposure Notifications app.
- COVIDCHECK – for you, for them, for us; check your symptoms, find a test, and get answers
- Are you Considered High Risk? – You are at a higher risk of getting sick if you are, risk of severe illness, and smoking and COVID-19, and more.

COVID-19 Vaccine Unit: Resources for Virginia's local health departments (LHDs)

Link: <https://vdhweb.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-preparedness/emergency-preparedness-and-response-resources/1578-2/covid19vaccine/>

- CDC Resources
- VDH Resources
- Local Health District Vaccine Meetings
- Vaccine Information
- Virginia COVID-19 Vaccination Plan and more.

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OTHER UPDATES:

- No ACHDHE Member updates

Public Comment

- No public comments:

The ACHDHE meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.

Next ACHDHE MEETING: Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Time: 11:00am – 2:00 pm

Host Site: VDH Central Office, 109 Governor Street, 23219 via zoom video conference. Non-ACHDHE members may request participation by sending email to augustine.doe@vdh.virginia.gov.

Respectfully submitted by:

Augustine **Doe**, Health Equity Specialist

Minutes reviewed by:

Melody **Armstrong**, Chair

Dr. J. Elisha **Burke**, Vice Chair