

MHAC
Policy/Legislative Subcommittee Meeting
June 30, 2010
Telephone Conference Call
10 a.m. EST

MHAC Attendees: Maria Conley, Lucie Ferguson, Claudia Tellez

MHAC Absent: Portia Cole, Michael Pyles, Rudy Wilson

OMHPHP: Susan Triggs

Public Attendees: None

Welcome: Attendees were welcomed by the Chair

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 24, 2010 meeting were approved.

Approval of Chair and Vice-Chair

Attendees discussed how long Chair and Vice-Chair should serve the subcommittee. The group decided that the service term would be six months. A discussion followed about duties involved with these positions and the support received from the OMHPHP for holders of these positions. **Claudia Tellez** agreed to continue as **Chair**, and **Maria Conley** agreed to serve as **Vice-Chair**.

Recommendations to the Commissioner for 2010

- Virginia Code

The language sent forward to the Commissioner for 2009 was reviewed. Attendees decided they would leave the language as it is but would add additional draft language that might say,

“There is established the Minority Health Advisory Council (Board/Committee???) in the Department of Health. As used in this chapter, ‘Minority’ means an individual identified as any of the following: Black or African-American; Hispanic or Latino; Asian, American Indian, Alaska Native; Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander as well as populations residing in those geographic regions of the State that have been identified as having access to health care issues such as Appalachia, rural areas, and the Eastern Shore.

Membership:

The council consists of the following twenty-one (21) members:

1. Two members of the General Assembly House of Delegates – one from each party
2. Two members of the General Assembly – Senate – one from each party
3. The Governor or the Governor’s designee
4. The State Health Commissioner or designee
5. The Director of the Division of Medicaid policy and planning or designee
6. Director of the Division of Mental Health

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7. One representative of a local health department
8. One representative of the Virginia Hospital Association
9. One representative from each of the health-related non-profit organizations (i.e., American Heart/American Stroke Association, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association)
10. One researcher from a state university”

- Access to Prenatal Care

Draft language will be sent to Susan Triggs by Tuesday, July 6, 2010 for dissemination to the subcommittee and then reported on at the MHAC meeting on July 13, 2010.

- Childhood Obesity

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- Presentation to General Assembly bodies to include, but not limited to:

- Allied Health Committee
- Legislative Black Caucus
- Joint Commission on Health Care

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Public Comment

None

Meeting Adjourned

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

Date and time to be announced.

Submitted by Susan L. Triggs