

To: Marissa Levine, MD, MPH, FAAFP, State Health Commissioner
From: Luisa F. Soaterna, MPH, Chair, Advisory Council on Health Disparities & Health Equity (ACHDHE)
Date: October 10, 2017
Subject: ACHDHE Recommendation for Program Enhancement

In response to the July 11, 2017 presentation on the topic “Radiological Health Overview” presented to the ACHDHE by Mr. Matt Ettinger from the Office of Radiological Health, we respectfully make the following recommendation:

- The Virginia Department of Health, in collaboration with State Office of Consumer Affairs, develop and promote legislation to create a regulatory body for radon testing, to include licensing, inspection and enforcement capacity for those regulations.

In response to the July 11, 2017 presentation on the topic “Office of Environmental Health: Addressing Health Disparities and Health Equity” presented by Mr. Lance Gregory to the ACHDHE, we respectfully make the following recommendation:

- The Virginia Department of Health seek expanded funding to support increased inspection of septic and water treatment systems in rural, low-income areas.

We also applaud the conscientious efforts made by this division on outreach and cultural sensitivity.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations.

Respectfully,

Luisa F. Soaterna, MPH, Chair

cc: ACHDHE members