

MHAC  
Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting  
March 31, 2010  
Telephone Conference Call  
3:30 p.m. EST

**MHAC Attendees:** Gloria Addo-Ayensu (Chair), Jane Cabarrus, Melissa Canaday,  
**MHAC Absent:** Judy Anderson, David Simmons  
**OMHPHP Staff:** Susan Triggs  
**Public Attendees:**None

**Welcome:** Attendees were welcomed by the Chair

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the October 2, 2009 meeting were approved

**Identifying Time Capacity for Projects:**

Attendees discussed recruiting new subcommittee members at the April 13, 2010 MHAC meeting. *Dr. Addo-Ayensu will attend the New Member Orientation and discuss the subcommittee purpose with new members and invite them to become a member.*

**Identifying Key Projects per Strategic Plan:**

Attendees discussed the need for successful implementation of a focus project. Dr. Addo-Ayensu suggested that each member contact the local health department in their area and connect with the MAPP Coordinator for their district. It was suggested that along with making this connection, subcommittee members could become part of the MAPP stakeholder team as a means of understanding the MAPP process. This would provide members with the opportunity to introduce the concepts of health equity and the social determinants of health as important factors in health outcomes for people living in the communities represented by subcommittee members. *At the next Community Engagement Subcommittee meeting, each member is asked to report on the status of the MAPP process in their local communities.* The goal is to provide MHAC with a more in-depth understanding of the public health issues in the communities they represent.

**MHAC Meeting Logistics**

Subcommittee members in attendance unanimously agreed there is difficulty of hearing everyone speaking during the meeting when attending by phone. *Dr. Addo-Ayensu will explore methods for improving the capacity for hearing what is said by everyone at the meeting and discuss at her meeting with OMHPHP on April 8, 2010.*

**Virginia Commonwealth University Invitation**

Attendees discussed an invitation received by Jane Cabarrus from VCU for MHAC to partner in a grant proposal as a feedback vehicle as the grant is implemented if funded. Specifically MHAC is being asked to provide quarterly feedback to project coordinators over the next three years. *This proposal will be presented at the MHAC meeting on April 13, 2010*, and if OK, could be made a standing agenda item for quick feedback over the next three years. *Ms. Cabarrus will respond to the sender* that this will be discussed at the April meeting and that she will get back to the sender regarding the outcome.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting**

Date to be announced.