

To: M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA, FAAFP, State Health Commissioner
From: Luisa F. Soaterna, MPH, Chair, Advisory Council on Health Disparities & Health Equity (ACHDHE)
Date: October 9, 2018
Subject: ACHDHE Recommendation for Program Enhancement

In response to the July 10, 2018 presentation on the “Danville Youth Health Equity Leadership Institute (YHELI),” presented to the ACHDHE by Ms. Shani Gaylord, Danville YHELI Program Manager, we respectfully make the following recommendations:

- We recommend for the Health Commissioner continue to promote the YHELI initiative and advocate for funding to support its growth.
- We advocate for the inclusion of students who are Dual Language Learners in the YHELI program.
- We further recommend for strengthening of data collection to demonstrate program effectiveness, evaluate primary reason why students are engaging with the program, and assess potential reach in other communities around the Commonwealth.