

**Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE)
July 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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

Attended in Richmond: **M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA; Luisa F. Soaterna-Castaneda, BS, MPH; Linda Lee Redmond, PhD; Nia Harrison, Melody Armstrong, MPA, BSN, CPHRM; Jene' Carter, MA.MPP; Kate S. K. Lim, MT, (ASCP), FACHE, CPHQ; J. Elisha Burke, M. Div., D. Min.; Karen Reed, MA, CDE; Augustine Doe, MS, MPA**

Attended Via Polycom/Phone: **Lauren R. Powell, PhD, MPA;**

Did Not Attend: **Patti Kiger, M. Ed; Keisha L. Smith, MPA; Kathryn E. MacCormick, MSc; Maia McCuiston Jackson, MD, FAAP;**

WELCOME

ACHDHE Chair, Ms. Luisa Soaterna, introduced herself and requested the participants to introduce themselves prior to calling the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The April meeting agenda had a slight modification under the ACHDHE Recommendations on the agenda. Because the Vice Chair of the ACHDHE was unable to attend the meeting, her name was replaced on the agenda with the name of Ms. Karen Reed, Director of the Division of Multicultural Health and Community Engagement to read and deliver the ACHDHE's recommendations to the State Health Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the April 10, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

ACHDHE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER

On behalf of the ACHDHE, Ms. Karen Reed, Director of the Division of Multicultural Health and Community Engagement read and delivered the ACHDHE's recommendations from the April 2018 meeting to Dr. Oliver, State Health Commissioner.

STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

Dr. Oliver expressed appreciation for the ACHDHE recommendations and provided the following updates:

- VDH leadership:
 - Dr. Oliver shared information of his appointment as State Health Commissioner.
 - The agency leadership anticipates no major strategic change. The current leadership will continue to implement Virginia's Plan for Well-Being.
 - Recruitment for the two vacant senior leadership positions, Deputy Commissioner for Population Health and the Deputy Commissioner for Public Health and Preparedness is in progress.
- Population Health Plan:
 - VDH signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA).

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- Using the state plan for well-being, both organizations will collaborate to build a broad statewide coalition to assist the agency realize the goals and objectives of the plan.
- VDH accreditation is still in progress. More updates to follow.
- At the federal level, VDH is gearing up to strategically address issues around the upcoming Title 10 restrictions and its potential impact on the Medicare expansion in Virginia. Reference document:
[http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=\(title:10%20section:1093%20edition:prelim\)](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:10%20section:1093%20edition:prelim))
- Leadership acknowledgement:
 - Dr. Oliver commended Dr. Powell for her recognition by the National Minority Quality Forum and the Congressional Black Caucus (for the “40 Under 40” award). Dr. Powell was also selected to serve as a fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

PRESENTATION:

“Danville Youth Health Equity Leadership Institute (YHELI)”

Shani Gaylord, Danville YHELI Program Manager, VDH

- Ms. Gaylord shared updates on Danville YHELI program. The presentation is attached.
- ACHDHE members thanked Ms. Gaylord and her co-presenters, Ms. Jadaiah Walton and Mr. Ian Chapman for the excellent presentation. Both of the co-presenters are current YHELI participants and rising 11th graders at George Washington High School in Danville, Virginia.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACHDHE 2018 Election Process:

- Ms. Luisa Soaterna, ACHDHE Chair shared updates on the upcoming ACHDHE election process and encouraged members to participate in the process. The election timetable was also shared.
- State Health Commissioner and ACHDHE Membership Engagement:
 - At the meeting, the attendees had the opportunity to engage the State Health Commissioner and discuss the ACHDHE. The discussions included the membership categories, rotational (regional) meeting locations, weekdays/weekends meetings, meeting times, length of the meeting, meeting budget, and presentation feedback process.
 - Dr. Oliver embraced the suggestions. He is considering the suggestions and will share his insights at subsequent meetings of the ACHDHE.

UPDATES:

Dr. Lauren Powell, Director, Office of Health Equity (OHE)

Dr. Powell shared OHE updates as:

- Ms. Elvira Delacruz joined VDH - OHE as the new Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Specialist.
- This October, OHE will hold a two-day conference that will gather minority underserved groups including faith-based organizations from across the state.
- OHE is working collaboratively with Henrietta Lacks family and the newly established Henrietta Lacks Commission to launch the commission’s establishment. The event will take place in Richmond City and Halifax County, Virginia.

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- ACHDHE 2018 Summer Training Series will commence on July 18, 2018. The series will help participants understand the role history, personal experience, and culture play on bias in public health.

Public Comment

- No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Next ACHDHE MEETING: Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

Time: 11:00am – 2:00 pm

Location: Mezzanine Conference Room, VDH Central Office, 109 Governor Street, 23219 or via Polycom upon request.

Respectfully submitted by:

Augustine Doe, Health Equity Specialist

Minutes reviewed by:

Ms. Luisa Soaterna-Castaneda, Chair

Ms. Patti Kiger, Vice Chair