

**Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE)
October 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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

Attended in Richmond: **M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA; Lauren R. Powell, PhD, MPA; Luisa F. Soaterna-Castaneda, BS, MPH; Linda Lee Redmond, PhD; Nia Harrison, MPP; Kate S. K. Lim, MT, (ASCP), FACHE, CPHQ; Keisha L. Smith, MPA; J. Elisha Burke, M. Div., D. Min.; Augustine Doe, MS, MPA**

Attended Via Polycom/Phone: **None**

Did Not Attend: **Melody Armstrong, MPA, BSN, CPHRM; Jene' Carter, MA.MPP; Patti Kiger, M. Ed; Kathryn E. MacCormick, MSc; Maia McCuiston Jackson, MD, FAAP;**

WELCOME

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The October meeting agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The ACHDHE July meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

ACHDHE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Linda Redmond, ACHDHE Chair Emeritus, read and delivered the ACHDHE's recommendations from the July 2018 meeting to Dr. M. Norman Oliver, State Health Commissioner.

STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

Dr. Oliver accepted the recommendations and thanked the ACHDHE for their engaged participation. He also shared the following updates:

- Two new senior leadership positions have been filled at VDH:
 - Dr. Laurie Forlano, Deputy Commissioner for Population Health; and
 - Dr. Parham Jaber, Deputy Commissioner for Population Health and Preparedness.
- Medicaid Expansion:
 - Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) has the responsibility of setting forth regulations and enrolling 400,000 Virginians. VDH plays a critical role in the process: outreach to all Virginians including people of color, rural and underserved residents.
 - One important element to consider beyond registering participants is that people can actually access and properly use the services (e.g., avoid unnecessary use of hospital emergency rooms).
 - Discussions are underway about increasing Medicaid reimbursement rate in order to attract more providers in underserved areas.
 - Medicaid expansion will include the integration of behavioral health and primary care.

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- The partnership memorandum of agreement (MOA) recently signed between the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association and DMAS has enhanced a broad collaboration of other partners. The first meeting of the partners occurred last July and the next meeting is this fall.

PRESENTATION:

“The Role of Workforce Incentive Programs in Meeting the Needs of Underserved Communities”

Presenters: Justin Crow, Director, Division of Social Epidemiology, VDH

Olivette Burroughs, Health Workforce Specialist, VDH

Meeting presentation: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2018/10/Advisory-Council-Oct-2018-Justin.pdf>

NEW BUSINESS:

ACHDHE Elections 2018:

ACHDHE members participated in the election of its 2019-2020 leadership. Those elected are:

Chair elect: Melody Armstrong, MPA, BSN

Vice Chair elect: J. Elisha Burke, M. Div., D. Min.

ACHDHE Upcoming Events for new officers:

- December 4, 2018, @ 11 am – New Officers Orientation Meeting.
- December 11, 2018 – Planning Meeting for January 8, 2019 Meeting.
- January 8, 2019, @ 11 ACHDHE regular meeting – New Officers assume new roles.

UPDATES:

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

Dr. Powell shared the following updates:

- Lacks Legacy Week 2018:
The event presented the opportunity for VDH-OHE to disseminate information about Henrietta Lacks' contributions to science and medical research through a variety of media, including faith-based organizations as well as local and state public institutions, such as the Library of Virginia and a Museum in Richmond.
- The Henrietta Lacks Commission is developing the Lacks Life Sciences Center in Halifax County, which will focus on both cancer research and treatment. The Center will transform and accelerate cancer research and treatment, provide tailored cancer treatment medicine to an underserved portion of rural Southside Virginia, and incubate new biotech businesses across the Southside Virginia region.
- Office of Health Equity conference:
VDH Office of Health Equity conference, *“Sowing the Seeds of Health Equity: Growing Healthy Connected Communities”*, will be held October 17 – 18, 2018, at the Delta Hotel, 555 E. Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia.
 - Dr. Kevin A. Jenkins, Vice-Provost Post Doctorial Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute Fellow, University of Pennsylvania and Shavon Arline-Bradley of Reach Beyond Solutions will deliver keynote messages on both days respectively.
 - Medicaid expansion will constitute a major part of the conference discussions. Dr. Daniel Carey, state Secretary of Health and Human Resources, will share updates on Medicaid expansion.

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- A “think tank” session will provide an opportunity for Virginians to brainstorm practical solutions to reduce health disparities.
- In addition, there will be four panel sessions of distinguished individuals - program managers, faith-based, community, and political leaders - to discuss the impact of the determinants of health and solutions/action steps for improved health outcomes statewide.
- OHE Partners in Prayers and Prevention (P3):
 - OHE P3 presents another community conversation focused on Henrietta Lacks and her contributions to cancer research on November 17, 2018, at 2:00 pm at the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia at 122 W Leigh St, Richmond, VA 23220. All are invited.

Other Updates:

- ACHDHE member shared the link to an opportunity to submit public comment through October 20 on Virginia's waiver application to implement new Medicaid work requirements and Medicaid premiums. Web link: <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/1115waiver>
- ACHDHE member shared information about the upcoming Baptist General Convention of Virginia Ministry Fair on Thursday, November 8, 2018 in Richmond, Virginia.

Public Comment

- No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Next ACHDHE MEETING: Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Time: 11:00am – 2:00 pm

Location: Mezzanine Conference Room, VDH Central Office, 109 Governor Street, 233219 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

Dr. Linda Redmond, Chair Emeritus