

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

In response to the October 9, 2018 presentation on the “Role of Workforce Incentive Programs in Meeting the Needs of Underserved Communities,” presented to the ACHDHE by Ms. Olivette Burroughs and Mr. Justin Crow:

- We applaud the efforts led by the Office of Health Equity (OHE) and the Division of Social Epidemiology for managing and implementing the Incentive Health Workforce Programs.
- We encourage the Health Commissioner to continue to support funding for these scholarship and loan repayment programs.
- Lastly, we recommend for OHE to more broadly disseminate economic impact data of these programs and expand survey of providers to track the extent to which providers serve people with disabilities, including provision of physically accessible facilities and equipment, and communication access.