

Advisory Council ACHDHE on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE)
October 11, 2016 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: **State Health Commissioner: Marissa J. Levine, MD, MPH, FAAFP,;** **Patti Kiger, M. Ed (PhD); Luisa F. Soaterna-Castaneda, BS, MPH; Linda Redmond, PhD ; Grace S. Lambert, MHA, MPA; Karen Reed, MA, CDE;**
Attended Via Polycom/Phone: **J. Elisha Burke, M.Div., D.Min.; Melody Armstrong, MPA, BSNCPHRM; Maia McCuiston Jackson, MD, FAAP; Augustine Doe, MS, MPA;**
Did Not Attend: **Adrienne McFadden, MD, JD, FACEP, FAAEM , FCLM; Emmanuel Eugenio, MD, FAAP; Cecily Rodriguez, MPA; Kate S. K. Lim, MT, (ASCP), FACHE, CPHQ; Elizabeth Locke, PhD, PT; Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD, MPH; Keisha L. Smith, MPA; Kathryn E. MacCormick, MSc.**

WELCOME

After asking everyone to introduce themselves, Dr. Redmond called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The October meeting agenda was approved with a few adjustments.

ACHDHE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER

On behalf of ACHDHE, Dr. Linda Redmond read and delivered ACHDHE's recommendations from the July 12, 2016 meeting presentations to the State Health Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 12, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

Dr. Marissa J. Levine

Dr. Levine thanked the members of the ACHDHE and the Oral Health Coalition for their commitment to public health. She talked about the integration of all aspects of public health in the communities. She told the ACHDHE members that there is no specific action as yet on their feedback following the last meeting.

Opioid addiction is a public health crisis that requires a coordinated approach, Dr. Levine noted. The data shows a significant increase not only in opioid deaths but in emergency room visits, an average of 26 people per day. Without a sustained intervention, we are on track to experience 1,100 deaths this year statewide. The Governor will be presenting information about strengthened statewide efforts to combat opioid addiction in the near future.

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Virginia Department of Health and partners are working on the Healthcare Acquired Infection report which cumulates patient safety and systems issues on hospital infections. The report will consist of both public and healthcare feedback; readable, usable versions will outline healthcare acquired infection trends. The document will be made available for public comment. Dr. Levine shared that a future ACHDHE meeting will include a presentation about the Healthcare Acquired Infection Report, providing opportunities for ACHDHE members' awareness and direct feedback.

Dr. Levine shared that the agency received a 5% budgetary reduction, approximately \$8 million of VDH's \$160 million budget. She recounted the efficient use of tax dollars, creation of working partnerships, and the development of strategic approaches to the work we do as measures that can reduce the impact of the recent budget cuts.

Virginia adopted the State Plan for Well-Being. In Virginia, equity is being considered in terms of: where people are, what they are doing to address well-being; and how communities are resilient, focusing on (education and job opportunities).

Dr. Levine noted that VDH was in the process of seeking national accreditation as a public health agency. Accreditation requires the agency administration and structure to meet national standards for effectiveness and quality, which includes data collection on quality indicators for performance outcomes. VDH staff, John Ringer, who is working on accreditation evaluation measures, will be requested to make a presentation and secure ACHDHE member feedback at a future committee meeting.

PRESENTATION

"Oral Health in Virginia: Beyond Access"

Sarah Holland, Executive Director, Virginia Oral Health Coalition

Ms. Holland presented an overview of oral health services in Virginia and oral health disparities. She discussed the role of Virginia Oral Health Coalition and some next steps that the organization is considering to reduce or eliminate oral health disparities. She described Virginia Oral Health Coalition as the alliance of individuals and organizations striving to ensure Virginians have access to comprehensive health care that includes oral health - enabling all Virginians to achieve optimal health and wellness. Ms. Holland shared information on the association of chronic diseases with oral health. She discussed the association of preterm infant deaths and oral health. Over 23% of adults live in areas with a shortage of dental providers; Ms. Holland shared, adding that this is a likely undercount. Ms. Holland discussed the relationship of dental costs for preschool years based on age of first preventive visit as a way of demonstrating cost savings. Further, Ms. Holland indicated that oral health treatment may lower annual medical costs and reduce emergency room and hospital admissions.

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Displaying data regarding insurance coverage and several population characteristics Ms. Holland informed the ACHDHE that dental “deserts” exist in both urban and rural areas. There is the need for more interagency collaboration in order to decrease oral health disparities impacted by income, education, and access. Some managed Care Organizations (MCO) includes some form of dental care Ms. Holland shared. The data presented at the meeting was compiled and analyzed prior to Medicaid availability and coverage provision in Virginia, Ms. Holland point out to ACHDHE members.

Ms. Holland presented the five guiding principle of Virginia Oral Health plan and Oral Health Report Card. The Oral Health Report Card offers Oral Health Measures that are actionable, understandable, and accessible as well as a State Oral Health Plan that speaks to oral health status, coverage, utilization, and collaboration. Sharing information and encouraging collaboration, Ms. Holland invited ACHDHE to attend the upcoming State Virginia Oral Health Summit to be held November 11th in Richmond.

- **ACHDHE feedback:**

ACHDHE member encouraged the presenter, Ms. Holland and her team to work with the Mexican Consulate, Ventanillas’ de Salud, as they host health fairs and outreach in various communities throughout the Commonwealth.

ACHDHE members suggested to Ms. Holland of possible collaborative opportunities with community and VDH faith based initiatives such as Baptist General Association and Virginia Million Hearts initiative.

ACHDHE New Leadership Election:

ACHDHE Chair announced the election process and encouraged membership participation. The three members nominated for the ACHDHE leadership were voted on at the meeting; and online ballots will be counted. The Office of Health Equity will announce the results of the election per the procedure set forth in the ACHDHE election guidelines.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

OMHHE Updates

Ms. Karen Reed shared the follow information on behalf of Office Health Equity update.

- The Health Equity Council she is a member of will hold its annual conference on December 8 and 9, 2016 in Norfolk, Virginia in partnership with Virginia’s Historical Black Colleges and Universities. At the meeting they plan to identify health equity in their strategic goals. All encouraged to register to attend.
- The Office of Health Equity will release Virginia’s Child Health Index report in December of this year. The report will be share with the members of the council and partners.
- Virginia Youth Health Equity Leadership Institute (YHELI) has taken roots in two high schools in Danville, Virginia. YHELI integrates both public health and education offering critical thinking and

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leadership development skills while addressing educational attainment as a determinant for good health.

ACHDHE MEMBER UPDATES

- None

ACHDHE MEMBER ACTION ITEMS

ACHDHE members were requested to provide their feedback on the presentations. The link is indicated below.

- **VDH Presentation Surveys**
“Oral Health in Virginia: Beyond Access”:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Next ACHDHE MEETING: Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

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:

Dr. Linda Redmond, Chair