

Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity (ACHDHE)
April 10, 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: **Marissa J. Levine**, MD, MPH, FAAFP; **Lauren R. Powell**, PhD, MPA; **Patti Kiger**, M. Ed; **Luisa F. Soaterna-Castaneda**, BS, MPH; **Linda Lee Redmond**, PhD; **Maia McCuiston Jackson**, MD, FAAP; **Nia Harrison**, MPP; **Karen Reed**, MA, CDE; **Augustine Doe**, MS, MPA
Attended Via Polycom/Phone: **M. Norman Oliver**, MD, MA; **Melody Armstrong**, MPA, BSN, CPHRM;
Did Not Attend: **Keisha L. Smith**, MPA; **Kate S. K. Lim**, MT, (ASCP), FACHE, CPHQ; **Elizabeth Locke**, PhD, PT; **Kathryn E. MacCormick**, MSc; **Emmanuel Eugenio**, MD, FAAP; **J. Elisha Burke**, M. Div., D. Min.; **Jene' Carter**, MA.

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 New Business Section*, the ACHDHE *Roles and Responsibilities* bullet was updated to *Brainstorm Session*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the January 9, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

ACHDHE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER

On behalf of the ACHDHE, Ms. Patti Kiger, Vice Chair read and delivered the ACHDHE's recommendations from the January 2018 meeting to Dr. Marissa Levine, State Health Commissioner.

STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES

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

- VDH observed National Public Health Week 2018:
 - VDH completed its survey for national accreditation.
 - Members of Board of Health drafted a letter in support of Medicaid expansion in Virginia.
 - Individuals that support Medicaid expansion are encouraged to work with their communities to support Medicare expansion in Virginia.
- Opioid Issue:
 - Dr. Levine shared the need to address the stigma associated with Opioid and mental health in the context of the role of law enforcement, a critical part of the community and solution.

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- ACHDHE members, community partners and stakeholders are encouraged to help build a framework that supports healthy connected communities capable of addressing the opioid crises in Virginia.

PRESENTATION:

“Emergency Department Care Coordination”

Debbie Condrey, Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Management, VDH

- Debbie Condrey shared information about Virginia’s Emergency Department Care Coordination (EDCC) Program. The presentation is attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACHDHE Brainstorming Activity:

ACHDHE members participated in a brainstorm session facilitated by Mrs. Karen Reed. The following recommendations were made:

- The minutes for the meeting will be developed and shared in a more concise format.
- The members of the council will be allowed to share input specific to their respective communities/networks as part of the recurring meeting agenda for ACHDHE.
- The members of the council will think more proactively about action steps that members of the council can share and/or implement via their respective networks and groups to better support the Commissioner and the agency’s efforts.
- The Office of Minority Health will see if there are ways to engage members of the public in the ACHDHE council meetings via social media, communication channels or via [the VDH website](#).

UPDATES:

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

Dr. Powell the OHE updates as:

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Scholarship Program: EMS scholarship program, a collaboration between EMS and OHE has received approximately 500 applications. Program web link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/ems-scholarship>
- Minority Health Month 2018: For the 2018 Minority Health Month observance, on April 23 – 26, 2018, OHE will feature the Henrietta Lacks movie.
- Virginia Physician Assistant Scholarship Program: The Virginia General Assembly passed the Virginia physician assistant scholarship program act to implement regulatory action and address the shortage of trained medical professionals in the Commonwealth.
- Award Recognition: Dr. Lauren Powell will receive the “40 Under 40” award from the National Minority Quality Forum and the Congressional Black Caucus on April 17, 2018.

Public Comment

- No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Next ACHDHE MEETING: Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

Time: 11:00am – 2:00 pm

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Respectfully submitted by:

Augustine Doe, Health Equity Specialist

Minutes reviewed by:

Ms. Luisa Soaterna-Castaneda, Chair

Ms. Patti Kiger, Vice Chair