

African American Health State Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

11/14/2024

Attendees

Council Members

- Charles Dixon
- Patrick Ingram
- Andrea Lawson
- Carolyn Livingston
- Cindy Devonish
- Chris Smith
- Abdou Manjang
- Pleasant Radford Jr.
- Paul May Kramer

MDH Staff

- Jordan Burt-McGregor
- Sandy Johnson
- Endurance

Review and Approval of Minutes

Agenda

- Reviewing, amending, and approving the charter.
- Reviewing and approving general and committee meeting frequency.
- Discussing potential conflicts around the holidays (November, December, January).
- Jordan/MDH updates
- Old Business
- New Business

Staff Reports

- Contact Jordan for reimbursement/SWIFT questions

Notes

AAHSAC notes- 11/14/24

Attendance: Patrick Ingram, Chris Smith; Dr. Carolyn Livingston; Pleasant Radford, Jr; Paul Kramer; Andrea Lawson; Cindy Devonish; Charles Dixon; Abdou Manjang

MDH staff: Endurance Eichie Ehimen; Sandy Johnson; Jordan Burt-McGregor

- I. **Charter draft and editing**
 - a. Healthy debate regarding using the terms African American and Black interchangeably.
 - b. Jordan will follow up with DaVonna and research statute for clarity.
 - c. Discussion on word replacement for stakeholder, cultural congruence as compared to competency.
 - d. Data request access

- II. **Conflict of interest**
 - a. Activism and advocacy discussion because we are cross connected; engaged; interconnected with our communities.
 - b. Jordan will follow-up regarding clarity on COI; maybe have someone from MDH legal or Sandy L. provide more details on COI.
 - c. Andrea will provide an example of a COI in basecamp from the state for reference.
 - d. Per Chris S. as the council in an advisory role, not decision makers.

- III. **Governance**
 - a. Roberts Rules vs. talking circle for governance.
 - b. How is outcome decided if Roberts rules are not in place?
 - c. Quorum detail and/or clarity—Jordan will follow-up with an answer.
 - d. Meeting options- hybrid option preferred; increases attendance.
 - e. Request to purchase equipment (owl) to increase technology efficiency when meeting offsite.

- IV. **Absences**
 - a. Statue policy details and legislation.
 - b. Would council like to adopt /amend alternative options?
 - c. Language is being drafted to address this issue to add to the charter.

Committee suggestions

- a. Community welfare & safety
- b. Sustainability & funding
- c. Policy & legislative advocacy

- d. Cultural competency & training
- e. Accountability & data transparency
- f. mental health & wellness

Parking lot issues

An Advancing Health Equity Report was done 10 years ago by Dr. Ehlinger—any updates on addressing agency progress from Dr. Cunningham. The commissioner will be giving a report to the legislature in January 2025 on OAAH progress, and the advisory council may have some input in the drafting of this report.

Racial justice report completed four years ago, no action has been taken by legislators perhaps AAHSAC could review report and offer advice and follow-up with caucuses for the next legislative session.

For December meeting—committee assignments; complete charter.

Successful mixer on Tuesday at Northpoint; Thanks to Nila!

Next scheduled meetings

3-5 p.m.

December 12

January 9, 2025

Locations: TBD

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