

HEAL Council Meeting

MARCH 12, 2019, 9:00AM – 1:00PM ~ VETERANS BUILDING

Attendees

HEAL Council: Va Yang, Dr. Jokho Farah, Alexandra Griffin, Carlos Guereca, Tamiko Morgan, Joanne Usher, Jennifer Ngyuen Moore, Felicia Sy, Dylan Galos, Therese Genis, Rachel Hardeman, Laurelle Myhra, Samuel Moose, Melanie Plucinski, Camille Cyprian

MDH Staff: Courtney Jordan Baechler, Shor Salkas, Dan Fernandez-Baca, Helen Jackson Lockett-El, Jackie Dionne, Marisol Chicana-Ayala, Madison Olmsted

Other Attendees: Fartun Ahmed (UMN Student)

Minutes

Part 1: HEAL Welcome and Subcommittee Work

Welcome, Check-in, Review of Notes, and Brave Space

- What is happening in your work right now?
 - How can we bring that into HEAL meeting space to hold MDH accountable?
 - Who do we need to invite in for updates and recommendations?

Updates on HEAL Priority Areas from MDH Staff

- Data Practices - Dan Fernandez-Baca, Center for Health Statistics
 - Minnesota Student Survey being collected now
 - Publishing data on the physical activity and eating habits of Hmong students with disabilities
 - Will be pairing student survey data with school policy data to study the relationship between LGBTQ student health and school policies
 - Collaborating with Demographer's office, Wilder researchers, and UMN on race and ethnicity data standardization
 - Participating in the census
 - Working on creating a SOGI data collection guidance
 - Proposing a tribal data workgroup on sovereignty at the next Tribal Health Directors meeting
 - Working to develop new contract language
 - Discussing how to develop funds that tribes can use to collect their own data
 - Working on Community Health Board master grants/contacts edits to include permissions to give them data that will help them serve their communities to avoid lengthy process to release data

- Developing a tool that will create one portal for all data MDH collects so that it is easier to use
- Community Engagement – Marisol Chiclana-Ayala, Public Health Practice
 - Focus on increasing capacity for engagement across the department
 - Creating opportunities for MDH employees to learn how to connect with communities and exchange wisdom
 - Using Memo recommendations to see where they can move forward, especially in the area of building trust authentically
 - Civic engagement work will be housed in the Governor’s Office going forward
 - Food policy memo has been sent to MMB asking to expand capacity statewide to host meetings, engagement opportunities, and events in a way that is more welcoming and fosters genuine connections
- Structure and System Change – Shor Salkas, Center for Health Equity
 - Provided an updated MDH Org Chart
 - New Director of Inclusion and new HR Director both started this month
- It would be useful to have a scorecard to give an update on where they are in the work, barriers found, and topics they need input from HEAL on

HEAL Priority Area Subcommittee Work plans for the year

- Council decided that it is necessary to wait for a response to the Memo from Commissioner Malcolm before furthering subcommittee work
- The next meeting will include reviewing the response from Commissioner Malcom and the response from I-HEALTH and then working on how to move the subcommittee work forward from there

Part 2: Full Council Meeting and Decision Making

Council Business

- Update on meeting with DHS Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council and their commitments to and collaboration with HEAL
 - Co-chairs presented at CECLC meeting and shared the HEAL mission, vision, and memo
 - CECLC had a positive response to the Memo and provided advice around being mores specific with language on data
 - Consensus was that HEAL is moving in the right direction and that this was a big accomplishment for their first year
 - Very positive response to a request to partner and will provide mentorship and guidance to HEAL
 - HEAL council members can attend any of their meetings
- Update on HEAL Memo Delivery and Meeting with Commissioner Malcolm
 - The memo has been delivered to Commissioner Malcolm
 - A response is expected soon

- HEAL co-chairs and other interested councilmembers will meet with her after the response is shared
- Partnership Opportunities
 - The HEAL Council will be making an effort to connect with other statewide ethnic councils to build relationships and support around common goals
 - HEAL Council will set up a meeting with POCI Legislators to introduce HEAL Council to them and share their vision via the Memo
 - Looking for more HEAL council members to get together to create a workgroup to connect with key stakeholders and share the memo
- Passed a motion to create a subcommittee to create a process to review and respond to bills that are important to HEAL
 - This committee will become the committee that carries out this process
 - Can possibly use an MDH resource to help track bills
 - Subcommittee members: Alexandra Griffin, Melanie Plucinski, Therese Genis, Laurelle Myhra, and Jokho Farah
 - The committee will report back at May meeting

Updates and Announcements

- Updates from Community Health Division (Bruce Thao)
 - Health Equity Assessment Tool will be sent to HEAL council
 - Provider tax is potentially sun setting this year
- MDH I-HEALTH Update
 - Will share minutes from February meeting
- Health Equity Summit on March 26, 2019
- MDH Community Conversation updates
 - LGBTQ Health in November 2018
 - African American Infant Mortality – UPDATED September 2019
 - Disability Communities - Summer 2019