

# HEAL Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 14, 2019, 9:00AM – 1:00PM ~ EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

## Attendees

**HEAL Council Members:** Johko Farah, Va Yang, Therese Genis, Samuel Moose, Tamiko Morgan, Laurelle Myrha, Cassie Silveira

**MDH Staff:** Bruce Thao, Deb Burns, Shor Salkas, Jeanette Raymond, Sara Chute, Bridget Pouladian, Melanie Peterson-Hickey, Ramya Palaniappian, Betty Hiller, Marisol Chiclana-Ayala, Madison Olmsted

## Action Items

- Secretary of state application form to be completed by continuing HEAL Members

## Agenda

### Council Business

- Vote held to approve Dr. Jokho Farah and Va Yang for an additional 1-year term as council co-chairs
  - Laurelle motioned to vote in Dr. Jokho Farah and Va Yang for an additional 1-year term as council co-chairs. Tamiko seconded the motion.
  - All in favor. Motion passed.
- Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule: Monthly for 2 hours over lunch on a Friday in a consistent location
  - Easier to fit into schedules and allows for more deep dives
  - Will help with momentum
  - Va motioned. Tamiko seconded.
  - All in favor. Motion passed.
- Advocacy and Response Committee
  - Therese looking into advocacy training
  - Looking for new members to join
  - Therese and Laurelle will continue as committee members
  - Va wants to do a legislative workshop
  - Infant Mortality as a topic we could form a legislative agenda around
    - Maternal health in general
    - Poor care in our AI communities
    - Look at what goes wrong in health care for moms
    - Child protection and likelihood of children making it home with mom
  - How to make our agendas more fluid to make space to address more current issues?
    - Therese can maybe prepare things ahead of time
  - Money at MDH for POC around opioids

- What is MDH and what is DHS?
  - American Indian Holistic Healing to prevent opioid use money made it through the legislature and went to DHS
  - Injury and Violence in HPCD is likely putting out grants
- Can we get a list together of all the grants for different topics for POC?
  - There is a portal to sign up for grant announcements by program for MDH. Something similar likely exists for MDH
  - Maybe we can send some sort of regular blast
  - CHE listserv has a section for funding
  - Some people get money before others
- Partnering with other groups that already have processes and resources for advocacy and response
  - MN Doctors for Health Equity is one option
  - Tamiko has connections to others doing this work
  - Can this be a responsibility on the advocacy and response?
- New requirement for community review of proposed policies at the state
  - This is a possible role for the committee

## Conversation with Deputy Commissioner Margaret Kelly

- Legislative Updates
  - HEAL Council Statute
    - Has passed through the Governor's review process
  - Budget
    - This is an off year with the budget, capital budget (bonding year)
    - Later in November we will learn whether we have a surplus or a deficit. The first 400 million will go into the reserve
    - Maternal and child health and infant mortality are priorities
    - Vaping and opioids are priorities
    - Re-envisioning the public health partnership is another priority
    - Relationship building with tribes
  - Retaining an HR Director
    - Filling this position is a priority
    - Bruce will send out the position when it is open

## MDH Updates

- **Community Engagement – Jeanette Raymond**
  - New team member Kathy Denman-Wilkey
  - Dorothy Bliss is retiring
  - Recently provided TA to Wisconsin
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of community engagement plan
    - Workgroup of MDH employees and community members
      - Getting recommendations from HEAL
  - Survey of advisory group members in early 2020
  - Facilities project to learn where MDH can invest in using spaces to use and be in community
  - Doing narrative work
- **Systems Change – Bruce Thao**
  - I-HEALTH focused on systems change

- Previewed list of recommendations from Advancing Racial Equity Training (aligned with the HEAL memo, going to do a crosswalk)
  - I-HEALTH is going to refine them into actionable items
- I-HEALTH is also moving to meeting monthly
  - Posted for director of Office of Diversity and Inclusion, HR director is going to be posted soon
  - Bruce going to an agency Directors Meeting to talk about I-HEALTH and HEAL and discuss how to promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for workforce development even without HR director
  - Much maternal and child health work going on at MDH and nationally
    - PEW grant funding 10 state tables to see how state collaboration can move the needle on MCH
    - Community Solutions Fund
    - Black Birth Summit
    - Children’s Cabinet has a priority for infant health
    - United States of Care: Table with health system CEOs
  - Planning the 2020 Health Equity Summit
    - Driven by Health Equity Leadership Network (HELN)
    - Let Madison know if you are interested in being a part of the planning
    - Innovation lab structure
  - Grantmaking updates:
    - Bias module: resources to help grant programs talk about bias in the review session
    - Worked with grants office for language in grant agreement templates
    - Also completed projects on strategic outreach and RFP language
    - HEAL would like to know who is reviewing grants and whether they are from communities most impacted (CMI)
    - MDH is working on consistency, trying to find the pockets that are excelling
    - We now have a database of all the grantees

## HEAL Updates, Announcements and Farewells

- Indian Health Services has 15 regions and the different health boards are doing interesting work
  - We are the lowest funded region
  - Looking to create synergy among the 34 tribes in our region to pool resources and push up an agenda to advocate for as a region
- Native American Community Clinic (NACC) received a grant from Hennepin Health to create an ECHO online community learning
  - On opioid treatment
  - 22 talks (every other week)
  - Specifically for Native American community
- Tribes gathered with Lt. Gov. and Commissioners a few months ago for tribal legislative summit and shared priorities for next legislative session

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.