

**New York State Department of Health
 Minority Health Council
 June 3, 2022 - Meeting Minutes**

Attendees	<p>Council Members: Helen Arteaga-Landaverde, Mill Etienne, Rev. Diane Holt, Lenora Reid-Rose</p> <p>Partial Attendance: Tandra LaGrone, Daniel Carrion, LaRay Brown</p> <p>Council Members with an excused absence: Louis (Freddy) Molano, Antonio Pagan, Ngozi Moses, Guillermo Chacon</p> <p>Absent: Raul Vazquez</p> <p>NYSDOH OMH-HDP Staff: Wilma Alvarado-Little, Abby Waldow</p> <p>NYSDOH Staff: Jamie Spina (Legal Counsel)</p> <p>Other NYSDOH Staff: Karen Folmsbee</p>
Topics	Discussion
<p>Helen Arteaga-Landaverde Presiding Chair</p> <p>Call to Order & Introductions</p>	<p>The meeting was convened at 10:25 A.M.</p> <p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde introduced herself and asked the Council to introduce themselves . Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde welcomed Ms. Alvarado-Little and Ms. Abby Waldow from the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention and welcomed the public participants present via Zoom, thanking them for their participation and asking that any suggestions, remarks, or information they wish to share, be held until the public comment period of the agenda.</p>
Council Business	<p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde provided an overview of the agenda. Due to the lack of quorum, the Council could not vote on the March 4, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde provided a review of the March 4th, 2022 meeting (in the absence of a vote).</p>
Minority Health Council Survey Report update	<p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde provided an overview of the “Identifying NYS Initiatives that Address Health and Social Disparities” Survey Report. The following updates were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following internal reviews, a sentence was added reading “The Council designed and disseminated a survey throughout the state via the OMH-HDP listserv during the period of February 1, 2019 to March 19, 2019.” • Table 1 was changed from a graphic to a bulleted list and a note was added stating that the identified themes are in no particular order. • An appendix was added that includes the survey questions • The Initiatives and Best Practices section was changed to also include a sentence noting that the main themes are in no particular order <p>Due to a lack of quorum, the Minority Health Council members will vote to approve the report at the September 2022 meeting.</p>

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<p>Report and Discussion on Minority Health Council Bylaws</p>	<p>Dr. Etienne summarized the updates to Council bylaws. Additional recommendations for the vice chair role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair can vote unless chairing a meeting in place of the Council Chair • Update the actual number of council members for a quorum to read the majority of council members (majority being 50% of active members plus 1. • Additional language “At no time shall a quorum consist of less than three active members of the Council (excluding the Chair)”. <p>DLA Counsel provided an update on the status of the open meeting law which includes an expanded use of video conferencing that will be allowed to occur. Individual council members will be allowed to attend meetings by video conference under extraordinary circumstances. Extraordinary circumstances can include, but are not limited to temporary or permanent disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities or another significant factor. The new law will go into effect upon the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order 11. It is currently set to expire June 14th, 2022. Any meetings held after Executive Order 11 expires will be subject to the new open meetings or in-person requirements plus any extraordinary circumstances provisions that the council should choose to adopt.</p> <p>Counsel will send additional information for the MHC members to review in order to develop and adopt a resolution authorizing the use of video conferencing under extraordinary circumstances at the September 2022 meeting.</p>
<p>Commissioner Bassett / Council Member Updates</p>	<p>Commissioner Bassett thanked the MHC Chair and members for the important work that is being done by the council. She mentioned that health disparities, equity and access are key items for her. Upon the request of the MHC presiding chair, Commissioner Bassett provided an overview of monkeypox, risks for contracting monkeypox, symptoms and treatments at this time.</p> <p>Rev. Holt shared that as a result of the mass shooting in Buffalo, her church is providing pregnant and breastfeeding women with access to fresh vegetables. This college approved training peer counselor program is available for pregnant and breastfeeding moms. One college credit for the five-week course is received upon completion of the training. This is transferable to any college that will accept it. They are also supporting in house support groups.</p> <p>Daniel Carrion shared that he recently started his position at the Yale School of Public Health. His role is also with the Yale Center on Climate Change and Health. There's been a lot of applying for grants to further his work and thinking about the intersections of health disparities and climate change. Mr. Carrion recently spoke at a conference for the Department of Energy, about what they're terming equitable decarbonization pathways.</p> <p>LaRay Brown shared that the New York Community Trust had provided grant funding to support One Brooklyn’s standing up of a diabetes center of excellence in Central Brooklyn. The model is to partner with a community-based organization that will train individuals, who are managing their diabetes, to be peer counselors. At the same time, the grant is strengthening clinical services for the management of this chronic condition.</p> <p>Dr. Etienne shared that he has applied for different grants focused on health equity. The first is a grant with the YWCA <i>Black Women as the North Stars for Community Health and Individual Well-Being in Westchester County</i> that will be used to study and survey Black women in the community on what it looks like to be healthy and for the community to be healthy. Medical students will be paired with community partners to</p>

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	<p>conduct this research. Other grants he is currently applying for are through the expanded New York State budget to increase the support of diversity in medicine. This grant funding is to enhance pipeline programs for people who want to become physicians, particularly focusing on Black and Indigenous men.</p> <p>Lenora Reid-Rose shared that she has been doing a lot of work in Buffalo following the mass shooting. She is part of several groups that are engaging Black psychiatrists. Her office is currently working with the Black Psychiatrist Association of America. As part of her organization's 30th anniversary celebration, they have been doing a series of lectures. With a strong focus on addressing racism, the first lecture was on racism as a public health crisis. The second one was on reshaping the mental health system. There have been approximately 1,500 people on the lectures so far.</p>
OMH-HDP Updates	<p>Ms. Alvarado-Little shared that the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention (OMH-HDP) has been working on a health equity plan for the OMH-HDP and the Department as a whole. Activities to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request that the Minority Health Council be included in this process since the Council represents constituents across the states. • Identify core components of the health equity plan, identify terminology and language (which may include and is not limited to equity, social justice), review OER language for the LGBTQ communities. • Discuss how current federal funding for health disparities can support the development of the health equity plan.
Meeting Recap, Feedback, Action Items and Next Steps	<p>Recap, next steps and action items:</p> <p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde provided an overview of items identified in previous meeting minutes from July 2020- March 2022. This document provides an overview of main issues of concern presented during previous meetings and their alignment with the NYS Dept of Health Prevention Agenda (2019-2024) in addition to interests presented by Commissioner Bassett during the meeting.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde will circulate these documents among the Minority Health Council Members to review and identify five topics of action on which the Council members will focus efforts for 2022 and 2023. These items will be discussed and finalized at the September 2022 MHC meeting.</p>
Public Comment and Adjournment	<p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde opened the floor to public participants in attendance via telecast. There were no public comments made.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.</p>

Next Meeting Date
September 16, 2022

Time
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Location
Albany, NY Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room #1