

# **Minority Health Advisory Committee**

**Thursday, September 9, 2004**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance: Ana Novais (HEALTH), Bobbi Houllahan (SPNM), Maria Barros (Homecare and Hospice), Norma Hardy (Brown University), Bill Waters (HEALTH), Donna Huntley-Newby (RIC), Elizabeth Castellano (HEALTH), Patricia Martinez (Governor's Office), Dania Peguero (Beacon Health Strategies), Ritchie Dianne (Brown), Paula King (RI Cancer Council, Inc), Kristen Petersen (RI Cancer Council, Inc), Helen Drew (HEALTH), Katherine Thompson (HEALTH) and Carrie Bridges (HEALTH).**

**Not in Attendance: Patricia Nolan (HEALTH) excused, Rob Jones (NCCJ) excused; Betty Bernal, Helena Friedman, Robin Rodgers, Delia Rodriguez, and Betty Simons.**

### **I. Call to Order**

**Donna Huntley-Newby, call the meeting to order. Introductions were conducted.**

### **II. Review of the Minutes**

**Minutes for June 10, 2004 were not available.**

### **III. Old Business/ Minority Health Advisory Committee Updates**

#### **- RFP 2nd Issue**

**Ana explained the RFP review process and which projects were approved.**

#### **- Minority Health Plan for Action**

**Changes for the plan were approved by the DOH Executive Committee and is now in the process of implementation.**

### **IV. Minority Health Promotion Center Report**

**Bobbi Houllahan reported on the variety of programs and services provided at South Providence Neighborhood Ministries (SPNM): food distribution to families with children's under 18yrs once a week; after school and summer camps for kids; adult education that include, cooking, sewing and English as a second language; youth program licensed through DCYF; and their award winning walking program, Broad Street Path to Health.**

### **V. New business:**

#### **HEALTH's Boards & Commissions – Helen Drew, Director's Office**

**Helen presented a detailed report on the minority representation on HEALTH's boards and commissions, current vacancies and plans and process for recruitment and appointment of new members.**

**Paula King and Kristen Petersen ( RI Cancer Council, Inc) briefly discussed RI Cancer Council strategies for health education and**

**resources available to the community.**

## **VI. Next Meeting**

**The next meeting for the MHAC is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2004 from 9 a.m. – 11:00am at the Socio-Economic Development Center (SEDC). 270 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI 02907.**