

MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Open Table of Christ

9:00 – 11:00 am

June 23, 2008

Members Present: Aleatha Dickerson, Yvette Mendez, Helena Friedmann, Debbie Correia Morales, Dannie Ritchie, Maria Sansiveri, Betty Bernal, Den S., Mary Falvey,

Members Excused Absent: Vinnie Velazquez, Janet Anderson, Donna Huntley-Newby, Maria Barros

Members Unexcused Absent: Julie Rawlings, Pich Chhoeun

HEALTH Staff Present: Carrie Bridges, Rilwan Feyisitan

Guests/Presenters: Bobi Houllahan from Open Table of Christ

Call to Order

Yvette Mendez called the meeting to order.

Welcome from Host Agency

Bobbi Houllahan- Project Coordinator, Open Table of Christ UMC, welcomed the members of the MHAC and reviewed the FY 08 summary of accomplishments. The host agency also presented a letter of recursion from future consideration of OMH funding.

Review of Minutes

Minutes from May 26, 2008 meeting were accepted without revision.

Sub-committee Updates

I. Legislative/Advocacy- A request was made to provide a legislative reports that effect public health.

Old Business / Minority Health Advisory Committee Updates

I. OMH Update

a. OMH State Update –Advisory members that attended the Federal OMH National Partnership for Action Meeting reported back to the group`- The Regional Conversation were held June 17-19 in Pennsylvania. The state OMH will conduct a meeting of key partners to review the results of the Regional Conversation and there impact on the state disparity elimination agenda.

b. New England Regional Minority Health Committee- conference moved to October 2009 to avoid conflict with the federal OMH National Summit in Spring 2009

II. State Partners Updates –There were no updates for this meeting

III. Lifespan /Care New England Merger- The actual proposal was not available for public review at the time of the meeting. General conversation about the process and potential impact were discussed. Carrie Bridges walked the group through hospital conversion application questions.

<http://www.health.ri.gov/merger/HCAapplication.pdf>

New Business

Open Comments / Discussion

Next Meeting

Meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month from 9:00-11:00 am.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, October 27th from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Location to be determined