



MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Co-CHAIRS: *Aleatha Dickerson, Julie Rawlings*

BOARD MEMBERS: Mary Falvey, RN, Jennifer Chaves, Deborah Correia Morales, Gloria Hincapie, Emma Simmons, MD, Maria Barros, RN, Helena Friedmann, Yvette Mendez, Darrell Thorpe, Vinnie Velazquez, Deborah Perry, Joseph Diaz, MD, Reginald Tucker-Seeley, PHD, ScD, Lara Watkins, PHD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present: Julie Rawlings, Aleatha Dickerson, Darrell Thorpe, Gloria Hincapie, Deborah Perry, Jennifer Chaves, Deborah Correia Morales, Emma Simmons, Ana Novais, Helen Drew, Helena Friedmann, Lara Watkins

Requested Absence: Reginald Tucker-Seeley, Mary Falvey

Sabbatical: Yvette Mendez

Unexcused Absent: Vinnie Velazquez, Joseph Diaz

Staff: Rilwan Feyisitan (Chief of Minority Health), Jenn DeBoer (Minority Health Promotion Specialist), Helen Drew (Associate Director of Health Department), Ana Novais (Executive Director of Health), Carrie Bridges (Health Disparities and Access to Care Team Lead), Randi Belhumeur (Health Promotion and Wellness Team, Initiative for a Healthy Weight), Peter Simon (Medical Director of Health Department)

Guest: Bartola Ovalles (Manager Resident Service program) & Kathleen Williamson (RN, NP Student)

PROCEEDINGS:

· Meeting called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Co-Chair, Julie Rawlings.

· (Last month's) meeting minutes were amended and approved.

HEALTH PROMOTION AND WELLNESS TEAM, INITIATIVE FOR HEALTHY WEIGHT PRESENTATION

Presenter: Randi Belhumeur on Obesity

Details of the presentation include: Changing policy to reach the majority of the public, menu labeling, Child Care Regulations and Soda Taxation.

SUB-COMMITTEES REPORTS:

EVENT & MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT PROVIDED BY, GLORIA HINCAPIE:

- Welcome Lara Watkins to the Minority Health Advisory Committee.
- Request MHAC By-Law to be emailed to them before the retreat.
- Date has been set for the MHAC retreat on August 6th from 8:30AM to 12:30PM, Gloria will look to secure location for the retreat.

DATA SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT PROVIDED BY CO-CHAIR, DARRELL THORPE:

- Committee has not met, but, will convene thereafter.
- Lara Watkins is welcomed as a new member of the Data Sub-committee.

LEGISLATIVE/ADVOCACY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT PROVIDED BY CO-CHAIR, JULIE RAWLINGS:

- Committee has met to discuss legislation on Women's Cancer Screening and Cancer screening program.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT :

- Helen Drew reported that legislators are looking at Youth and Tobacco
- Following bills that may affect Youth and Tobacco Legislation are:
 - o No Smoking in the Car.
 - o No cigarette advertisements posted near school grounds or school zone.
 - o Stronger discipline may be imposed on selling of 'loosies' cigarettes or two for One.

Legislation Bills that did not pass:

1. Health Equity Bill
2. Merger of State Departments
3. Ignition Interlock Bill

OTHER BUSINESS:

Celebration of World Refugee Day is held at AS220 on June 19th, 3:00PM -5:0 PM

YWCA hosted their 26th annual graduation and awards ceremony for Parenting in Progress (PIP) on June 16th, 2010.

· Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

· Minutes submitted by Minority Health Promotion Specialist, Jenn DeBoer.