



Commission for Health Advocacy and Equity
October 17, 2012
1:00 – 3:00 pm
R.I. Department of Health (Cannon Building)
Conference Room-Rm. 401
Three Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Present: Lisa D'Agostino, Michael Varadian, JD, MBA, Barbara Morin, Melissa Long, Esq, Aleatha Dickerson, MS, Kathryn Ryan, Esq., Philip Less, PhD, Lara Watkins, PhD, Reginald Tucker-Seeley, ScD, Aradhana Mehta, PhD, Annmarie Sawyer, Gloria Hincapie, Julie Rawlings, Tanya Dailey

HEALTH staff: Rilwan K. Feyisitan, Jr., Jenn DeBoer, Carrie Bridges, MPH, Ana Novais, MA, Deborah Garneau, MA

Call to order and introduction

Tanya Dailey, MD was asked by Dr. Fine to chair the Committee. Open to suggestions and feedback, and would like to keep open lines of communication.

Marti Rosenberg from Healthcare Program Director at Providence Plan, and has been asked to support the Commission in development of the disparities impact and evaluation report.

August 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the minutes accepted

Public Comment on Agenda Items was offered

No comments on Agenda items

Items discussed:	Comments	Actionable task
Commission Goals & Objectives overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: Prioritizing Goals for 2012-2013 	Review list of prioritizations by Chair	Please review attached proposed 2012-2013 Commission priorities
Proposed action from Commissioner Long for the Commission to work on:	Removing sunset provision on the primary seatbelt legislation for June of 2013. This year would be the last session for the state to work on to lift the sunset provision on primary seatbelt legislation to become a permanent legislation. Minority youths are more likely or never to wear seatbelt in vehicles driven by someone else	To work on supporting the primary seatbelt legislation to become a permanent law without the sunset provision

<p>Proposed actionable task completed by this year:</p>	<p>Agreed by DLT and DEA ex-officio's to share data and open communications among state agencies, eliminating duplication and replication of projects.</p> <p>Commissioner Tucker-Seeley suggested that the Commission should work on setting common definitions of racial and ethnic disparities, socio-economic disparities, and Health disparities, so that messages from the Commission is cohesive and standardized</p>	<p>To educate state agencies in Rhode Island on disparities, including social factors that play a role in creating or maintaining disparities.</p>
<p>November Joint Meeting with the Sustainable Communities Consortium and Social Equity Advisory Committee</p> <p>Healthy People National Initiatives</p>	<p>Commission for Health Advocacy and Equity to collaborate, and coordinate work with these two groups</p> <p>HEALTH will send out electronically updated factsheets on the work of the Sustainable Communities Consortium and Social Equity Advisory Committee</p> <p>Ana Novais spoke about another major goal setting and planning initiative: Every decade, the nation has a set of goals, covering a range of diseases and social and environmental determinant of health for Healthy People. This decade, the national initiative is focusing on social and environmental determinants of health.</p> <p>HEALTH is staffing and leading this national and state initiative. HEALTH will be engaging with state agencies and this Commission.</p> <p>HEALTH completed the evaluation of the last decade's health initiative. HEALTH will</p>	

Coordinated Health Planning Effort by the Director of HEALTH	<p>share the findings from this data with communities, and engage with communities and this Commission to set new goals and targets.</p> <p>Carrie Bridges noted that the Director of Health is engaged with the Coordinated Health Planning effort in the state of RI.</p>	To share information between the Commission and the Coordinated Health Planning table.
This section of the meeting moved to what the Commission is required to do.	<p>Priority of the Commission: Prepare a disparities impact and evaluation report by June 30th, 2013.</p> <p>There is a set timeline to prepare a disparities impact and evaluation report stated within the legislation.</p>	<p>The Commission is required to prepare a disparities impact and evaluation report, and be posted on the Department of Health website, and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services website</p> <p>The report should also be delivered to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate Required to do by the Commission, and report back to the Director of HEALTH.</p>
Upcoming events for the Commission	Holding Public Hearing.	<p>Need a group of commissioners to help plan and envision how the Public Hearing should be presented.</p> <p>Timeline: January 2013</p>
Motion to approve Proposed 2012-2013 Commission priorities	<p>Move to approve proposed 2012-2013 Commission priorities, with correction.</p> <p>Correction: “The commission shall hold public hearings to receive information to assist in the formation of this disparities impact and evaluation report. The hearings shall be held approximately six months before each yearly evaluation,” will be moved up the list as priority of the Commission.</p>	Request by Chief, Office of Minority Health to send letter to Dr. Fine on what the Commission discussed, and where the Commission is going. List a set of priorities discussed at the Commission meeting.
Presentation by Chief, Center for Health Data and Analysis, Samara Viner-Brown		
Marti Rosenberg discussed on	Providence plan also has linked	

<p>survey that was sent out to the Commissioners.</p>	<p>data with the Department of Health on multiple data sets, one of which is the correlation between lead poisoning and school absenteeism. Datahub: www.provplan.org</p> <p>Definition of health equity has been distributed to the Commissioners by Marti Rosenberg</p> <p>Summarization of the first meeting will be sent out electronically</p> <p>Report out of the findings from the survey. Findings from the survey can be sent to Commissioners electronically</p> <p>How to report differences between race/ethnic groups? Using risk assessment statistical tools and creating indexes of racial groups in comparison with the white population.</p> <p>Reports written for which audience?</p> <p>Survey by Provplan is skewed to people in the medical field.</p> <p>Survey should be understandable with least terminology.</p> <p>Message should be assessable in the survey.</p> <p>When reporting data, it should have visuals that people can relate to, rather than terms that mean nothing to them. (What is the story?)</p>	<p>Need to drill down what “access” means to the Commission.</p> <p>Need to determine what indicators the Commission wants.</p>
<p>Joint meeting with the Sustainable Communities</p>	<p>Request made for Commissioners to serve on the Agenda planning</p>	<p>One Commissioner Suggestion: To have a “101” Epidemiology lesson for the</p>

<p>Consortium and Social Equity Advisory Committee to the Consortium</p>	<p>Request made for Commissioners to serve on the Data subcommittee</p> <p>Task of the data subcommittee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To grapple with the “indicator” questions 2) Draft proposal for the larger Commission group <p>Email will be sent out to request for more volunteers from the Commission to serve on the data subcommittee and Agenda planning committee.</p> <p>Email will also be sent out to request for volunteers from the Commission to serve on the Public Hearing Committee.</p>	<p>Commissioners</p> <p>Three Commissioners: Reginald Tucker-Seeley, ScD Barbara Morin Michael Varadian, JD, MBA</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Adjourn.</p>		