

Date: February 19, 2010
TO: Members of the Columbus Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee (COMH)
From: Ryan E. Johnson
RE: COMH Quarterly Meeting Minutes- January 19, 2010

COMH Resolution of Expression

The city budget and funding associated with the establishment of the local office has been a major barrier. The local ordinance subcommittee determined that a Resolution of Expression should be presented to Columbus City Council instead of a proposal for an ordinance. The resolution will accomplish the desired outcome of the COMH being established as a program of City of Columbus, Columbus Public Health.

A Resolution of Expression draft was presented to the committee for review. The committee was asked to provide feedback on the "whereas" statements within the document. Additional items to include within the framework of the resolution include:

- Mental health
- Encompassing a holistic perspective on health
- Social determinants of health as the driving force of the resolution
- Communicate why the office should exist (catalyst for program initiatives)
- Economic impact

Each committee member was asked to draft a "whereas" statement that they feel should be included within the Resolution of Expression so that all aspects are included within the document. This feedback should be emailed to the local office.

REEP Evaluation

RAMA Consulting provided the committee with overview of accomplishments since the previous meeting. Listed below are the discussion questions surrounding the Columbus Office of Minority Health and Committee members were asked to address the following:

1. What are the gaps/issues surrounding minority health
2. What additional roles can the Columbus Office of Minority Health play to help people address health disparities
3. What data may not exist today that the Columbus Office of Minority Health can collect
4. Are there any additional partners that need to be identified

COMH will be sending an "Agency Profile" document to members of the committee to address the discussion questions listed above. This document will be sent to committee members mid March 2010.

COMH Local Conversations

The Columbus Office of Minority Health conducted the second community Local Conversations meeting on January 12, 2010. The meeting was conducted at the Work Force Development Center (1111 Broad Street) in Columbus, Ohio.

There were a total of 52 people in attendance comprised of residents from racial/ethnic populations, service providers, state and local representatives, and participants who were involved in the first Local Conversations session held on October 24, 2008.

Each participant was assigned to a workgroup (Resources, Services, Capacity Building or Infrastructure) as they came to the session. They were also given copies of the Local Conversations report from the October 24, 2008 session and were asked to prioritize issues from the report.

An overview of the purpose and intended use of the gathered information from this meeting was stated. Participants were asked to consider in their discussions:

- What do we know, how we know it, and how can we use what we know to eliminate health disparities among racial/ethnic population in Columbus, Ohio?
- What do we know about what works, for what purpose, and at what cost as we determine how to utilize resources.
- In what way does the proposed action step move us closer to our goal?
- In what way does the goal and action step(s) impact the remaining priorities?

Each workgroup was provided with an Action Plan Development sheet to create the agreed upon action plan. All four workgroups reported to the group as a whole their first priority and recommended Plan-of-Action.

2010 Quarterly Meeting Dates

Listed below are the COMH Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2010. The meetings will be located at Columbus Public Health (240 Parsons Avenue) in room 119C and will begin at 10:00am.

- **April 20, 2010**
- July 20, 2010
- October 19, 2010