

Date: May 5, 2010  
TO: Members of the Columbus Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee (COMH)  
From: Ryan E. Johnson  
RE: COMH Quarterly Meeting Minutes- April 20, 2010

## Introductions

- In attendance: Ryan E. Johnson (COMH), Angela Street-Underwood (OSU-CHCP), Fred Johnson (COMH), John Tolbert (Columbus Public Health), Karen Jiobu (Ohio Asian American Coalition), Kevin Dixon (ADAMH), Isi Ikharebha (Physicians Free Clinic/Voluntary Care Network), Angela Mingo (Nationwide Children's), Michael Johnson (Peregrine Inc.), Barbra, Mataryun Wright (RAMA Consulting), Chip Allen (Ohio Department of Health), Bo Chilton (Impact), James C. Ragland (Columbus City Council), Bounthanh Phommasathist (Ohio Commission on Minority Health), Masami Smith (Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio), and Shawnee Kent (Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio).
  - James Ragland (Columbus City Council) provided the committee with updates on the resolution of expression. The resolution of expression for the Local Office of Minority Health is moving forward. Listed below are the next steps:
    1. We are placing the resolution 0058X-2010, on the agenda for the Monday May 17, 2010 meeting of Columbus City Council
    2. Anticipate the submission of the language for the Office of Minority Health Resolution to Legistar from the Health Commissioner's office in a timeframe that recognizes the City Council deadline for submission of resolutions (May 5, 2010)
    3. Prepare to accommodate the Columbus Office of Minority Health and partner organizations on Monday May 17, 2010 at 4:40pm in order to take photographs in front of Council Chambers and present the resolution for passage by City Council in the meeting that follows.
  - Fred Johnson (COMH) provided the committee with updates on consumer empowerment. To date the COMH consumer empowerment training has reached 80 organizations and has trained a total of 142 participants.
  - Mataryun Wright (RAMA Consulting Inc) provided the committee with an update on evaluation of the local office. REEP Evaluation) informed all local Office of Minority Health directors that they were interested in doing a cross-site evaluation of each advisory committee. To date only 30% of the advisory committee members have responded. The Ohio Commission on Minority Health is very interested in hearing from as many board members as possible. The survey can be found at :  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BLHNGLG>
  - John Tolbert provided the committee with updates on the RAAP family summit. Quarterly the Columbus Office of Minority Health will host panel discussions as a catalyst to raise issues that affect minority communities. The Goal of the RAAP family summit.....Developing ways to advocate for empowering African American families through community building in the areas of health, mental health, and education. Understanding the meaning of healthy family by focusing on ways to help the African-American community move towards better health. Discussing barriers to mental health and strategies for increasing ethnic and cultural awareness of mental health professionals. Looking at how the education of children must be perceived as a partnership between parents, school teachers, administrators, and the community.
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**Next COMH Advisory Committee Meeting Date**

Tuesday, July 20, 2010 @ 10:00am Columbus Public Health Conference Room 119-C (240  
Parsons Avenue)

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