

Date: January 23, 2012
TO: Members of the Columbus Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee (COMH)
From: Ryan E. Johnson
RE: Meeting Minutes January 10, 2012

Introductions

In attendance: R. Johnson (COMH), F. Johnson (COMH), K. Jiobu (OAAHC), S. Cornett (OSU), D. Bagley (WHAC), H. Noor (COMH), A. Trinh (CPH), F. Griffith (DU), S. Perry (NC), M. Johnson (ST), B. Guynn (OSU), T. Smith (NAIC), J. Vicente (OHC), T. Howard (SJH), T. Nelson (SJH), E. Greene (ODH), J. Shum (ACS), C. Shih (AACS), G. Murphy (NCRI), B. Chilton (IA), and S. Russell (ODJFS).

Website

Please visit our website for the most current information regarding the local office.
<http://www.publichealth.columbus.gov>. On the main page please search under programs.....community health.....minority health

Minority Health Month Activities

In 1989 the Ohio Commission on Minority Health developed the concept of a high-visibility campaign designed to focus on health awareness and disease prevention. This 30-day campaign consists of numerous activities designed to solicit the interest and participation of minorities or providers of health services to minority populations.

The Columbus Office of Minority Health has the role of working with all of the Commission funded agencies throughout the city.

Minority Health Month Kickoff.....Skip the Violence: Exercise Instead and Skip the Bad Stuff: Healthy Eating:

- A one day community health education event in partnership with the Westside Community Health Advisory Committee, Council on Health Information, and Columbus Office of Minority Health that focuses on violence prevention (Stop Killing and Injuring People SKIP), which includes interactive activities and education about exercise and healthy eating to kick off Minority Health Month.
- March 31, 2012, Glenwood Recreation Center (1925 W Broad St) from 11am to 3pm

Columbus Office of Minority Health Consumer Empowerment and Men's Health Workshops:

- The Columbus Office of Minority Health Workshops are designed to engage the community in dialogue about their understanding of the importance of taking personal responsibility for their health and well-being. The workshops provide resources that can help individuals make a difference in their health encounter with a healthcare professional and in their health outcome.
- April 13, 2012, Impact Inc. (700 Bryden Road) at 8:30am
- April 21, 2012, Love Zion Baptist Church (1459 Madison Avenue) at 10am

Ohio Local Offices of Minority Health: Public Present Public Health: The Power and the People Addressing Social Determinants of Health:

- This conference will focus on issues associated with social determinants of health and their impact on Ohio residents. It is designed to empower attendees with strategic and effective tools addressing health disparities in their communities.
- April 5, 2012, Akron Urban League (440 Vernon Odom Blvd. Akron, Ohio 44307)

Community Projects

Somali

COMH has developed culturally appropriate monthly meetings to increase Somali community organizational leaders and Somali community members' awareness of how to address and improve these health disparities. In addition, these meetings will provide the Somali community an opportunity to interact with each other in a more cooperative way in order to address their health issues.

The COMH has hosted five community meetings (conducted at Columbus Public Health) covering health topics such as Diabetes, Emergency Preparedness, Tuberculosis (TB), Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and Consumer Empowerment Training.

Native American Community Project

- The local office of minority health is working on the second community project: Assess the Access to and Utilization of Health Care Services by the Native American Community in Columbus, Ohio and Franklin County.

Presentation: African American Breastfeeding Community Project

- A student project conducted by Bianca Guynn with the Columbus Office of Minority Health, Columbus Public Health, Franklin County WIC and The Ohio State University.
- The project centered on disparities in breastfeeding rates between African Americans and White Americans attending WIC clinics in Columbus, Ohio.
- Committee members were asked to identify students interested in working with the local office to conduct additional projects in 2012.

Meeting Dates 2012

Columbus Public Health
Conference Room 119-C (240 Parsons Avenue)

- **April 10**
- July 10
- October 9