VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

INTERNSHIP ACADEMY

## Educate

#### **Data Learning Collective**

Presented on VDH's data-driven approach to informing and supporting public health policy development, titled "Leveraging Data for Effective Public Health Policy Development" with Alex Jansson and Michael Capps.

## Reflect

#### <u>Public Health Advisory</u> <u>Boards (PHAB) Annual</u> <u>Reflection Report</u>

After interviewing the Office of Communications and the Language Access Team, I authored the Annual Reflection Report for PHAB, emphasizing the foundational competency of communication and investigating VDHs efforts to improve communication.



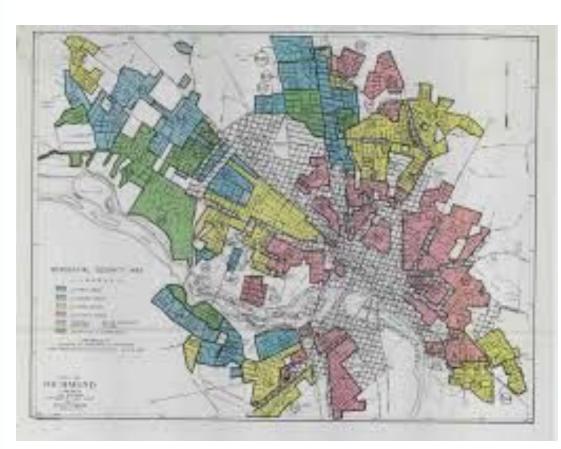
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#### Research

#### <u>Problem Statement Development</u>

Problem statements are presented to the Policy Analysis Roundtable, an internal "think tank" informing about which policies the agency should incorporate in the Virginia Public Health Policy Agenda.

#### **Redlining and Maternal Outcomes**



Due to historical redlining, five cities in Virginia face significantly poorer health outcomes due to

racial discrimination and community disinvestment. Over 50 years after this policy was outlawed, these communities still encounter health barriers, especially in maternal health and its outcomes.

# Learn & Improve

#### Performance Review System

Developed and organized a comprehensive Excel database consolidating metrics from internal and external VDH data sources.

This serves as a foundational tool for a performance review system, tracking departmental outputs and public health outcomes across all local health districts to assess the health departments progress.

## **Other Responsibilities**

Streamlining and Organizing General Assembly Reports to SHHR
Brief on the VA State Health
Commissioner's Annual Decision:
Ballad Health's Cooperative
Agreement
Office of Health Equity Journal Club

~ Office of Health Equity Journal Club ~Agency Legislative Proposals







~ State Health Services Plan Taskforce at OLC ~ Governor Youngkins visit to OVR with SLT ~ State Board of Health Meeting ~ Advisory Council for Health Disparities and Health Equity ~ Joint Commission on Health Care General Assembly Meetings ~ Public Health Advisory Council ~ Integrated Housing Advisory Committee ~ Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service and Family Members ~ DLC - Evaluating Hospitals' Population Health Programs: A Data Science Approach ~ ASTHO Legislative Liaison Peer Networking Meetings ~ House Select Committee on Advancing Rural and Small Town Health Care

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