

MHAC  
Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting  
March 31, 2009  
3:30 p.m. EST

**MHAC Attendees:** Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Judy Anderson, Jane Cabarrus, Milagritos Flinn, Gail Jennings, David Simmons

**MHAC Absent:** Melissa Canaday

**OMHPHP Staff:** Susan Triggs

**Public Attendees:** None

1. Meeting Opening/Introductions
  - a. Meeting convened by Gloria Addo-Ayensu
  - b. All attendees introduced themselves
2. Review/Approve Minutes from January 6, 2009
  - a. Minutes were reviewed and approved by members in attendance
3. LHD Best Practices Survey
  - a. The group discussed the need to better adapt the survey created by OMHPHP student interns to questions relevant to the needs of MHAC
  - b. Dr. Addo-Ayensu will e-mail survey changes to the group by Friday, April 3, 2009.
  - c. Subcommittee members will provide input in preparation for report at MHAC meeting on the April 14, 2009.
4. *Unnatural Causes* update
  - a. David Simmons has a group of students reviewing UN as part of an assignment
    - i. They will provide a report as part of their class discussion about the meaning of UN
    - ii. Mr. Simmons will report on the results to the subcommittee after the process is complete
  - b. Judy Anderson will have a showing of the UN segment, "Place Matters" for the Minority Health Coalition Meeting in Norfolk on April 16, 2009.
    - i. Susan Triggs will facilitate a discussion following the meeting
    - ii. This will be the first in a series of discussions that will culminate in a Training-of-the-Trainer session
  - c. Susan Triggs told the group about the OMHPHP statewide community-based participatory approach outreach initiatives.
    - i. Current focus areas
      1. Lenowisco Health District (HD)

- 2. Cumberland HD
    - 3. Roanoke City Health Department
    - 4. Staunton (Central Shenandoah HD)
  - ii. Community Engagement Subcommittee members and all MHAC members are invited to partner with OMHPHP in these outreach efforts
- 5. HE Conference
  - a. Susan Triggs provided an update on the status of the Health Equity Conference
  - b. Dates of the conference are September 10 – 11, 2009
    - i. The venue has not been finalized yet
    - ii. Speakers have been confirmed
      - 1. Adewele Troutman, MD, MPH, MA: Director of Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness. Featured in UN
      - 2. Howard Frumkin, MD, MPH, DrPH: Director of the National Center for Environmental Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
      - 3. Camara P. Jones, MD, MPH, PhD: Research Director on Social Determinants of Health at the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion of the CDC
      - 4. Stephen H. Woolf, MD, MPH: Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, Epidemiology and Community Health at VCUHS
      - 5. Brian Smedley, PhD: Vice President and Director, Health Policy Institute, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
  - c. Subcommittee members were asked to volunteer to work on conference planning subcommittees
    - i. Susan will send contact information for all subcommittee Chairs.
    - ii. Members were asked to contact Chairs directly for more information about that subcommittee and to volunteer.
- 6. Town Hall Meetings – Priority Areas
  - a. Attendees were asked if they reviewed the websites provided per the minutes of the last meeting and included below
    - i. 2008 Health Equity Report  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/healthpolicy/2008report.htm>
    - ii. OMHPHP presentations on health outcomes and social determinants in Northern Virginia, the Richmond area, and Hampton Roads  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/healthpolicy/policyanalysis/spatial-analysis.htm>
    - iii. Chronic Disease Health Indicators by Health District matrix  
<http://www.vahealth.org/cdpc/Data.htm>

- b. Members discussed how Town Hall Meetings could be set up
    - i. Susan Triggs suggested calling on partnership relationships of members own organization
      - 1. Seek donated space
      - 2. Ask for food donations
      - 3. Include as many community stakeholders as possible
      - 4. Members are asked to make sure they are representing their organization or themselves as individuals and not MHAC
        - a. MHAC exists solely for the purpose of advising the VDH Health Commissioner
7. Deliverables for April 14 2009 MHAC meeting
- a. Suggested changes to survey
  - b. Decisions on which Health Equity Conference subcommittees members choose to participate
  - c. Town Hall Meeting target areas
8. Announcement
- a. David Simmons announced that Dr. Remley would be speaking at UVA on April 15, 2009.
    - i. Wondered about getting out an announcement to community organizations in the area
    - ii. Told that Dr. Remley talked about the event during another meeting last week
    - iii. Attendees suggested that Commissioner's office will probably take care of making community aware of the event
9. Group reminded to RSVP for MHAC meeting on April 14, 2009
10. **Next Meeting** June 30, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. via telephone conference
11. **Future Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting Dates – 2009**

Week of September 28, 2009 at 3:30 pm via telephone conference call

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