

**State Health Commissioner’s Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity
(ACHDHE)**

October 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

**James Madison Building
109 Governor Street, Richmond, VA 23219**

Main Conference Room (In-person and Televised Meeting) – 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

In person attendance: David C. Rose, MD, MBA, FAAP; Nia Harrison, MPP; Sandra Serna, MPH; Maceo E. Freeman, D.MIN; Ryan M. Crowder, BS; Kimberly Dyke-Harsley; Olugbenga O. Obasanjo, MBBS, Ph.D., MPH, MBA; Antonio Villa, MD, MPH; Mary T. Brandenburg, B.A; El Hadji Djibril Niang; Karen A. Legato, MSW; Linnaya Graf, PhD, MCHES, CPH; Kathryn Zapach, MSW, Carolyn C. Turner, MS;

Virtual Attendees: Kate S. K. Bradshaw, Ph.D., FACHE, CPHQ; George Worthington, MS; Melody Armstrong, MPA, BSN; Amy Christine Hodge, M. Div.; Karen O’Brien, BS.

Did Not Attend:

Patti Kiger, M. Ed; Gordon Walker, MS; Eleanor Woodson, BSN, RN; JohnJason Cecil, BA; Linda Lee Redmond, PhD; Barbara Board, PhD.

VDH Staff: Breanne Forbes-Hubbard, MPH, Augustine Doe, MS, MPA; Janet Harris, AA

WELCOME

Dr. David Rose, ACHDHE Chair, welcomed the attendees and called for introductions following the calling of the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Rose delivered a summary of the meeting agenda capturing the items outlined in the document. There were no amendments or modifications to the proposed agenda which was adopted as presented.

Meeting Agenda: [Agenda](#)

Link: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2024/10/ACHDHE-October-2024-Meeting-Agenda.pdf>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 9, 2024, meeting minutes were approved. A member abstained because she didn’t attend the July 9, 2024, meeting. [Minutes](#)

Link: https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/76/2024/04/January-2024-Minutes-ACHDHE_svsEdits-1.pdf

ACHDHE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Bradshaw read the ACHDHE recommendations from the July 9, 2024, meeting presentations, which was shared with the State Health Commissioner, Dr. Karen Shelton, in advance of the meeting.

[Recommendations](#)

Link: [ACHDHE-October-2024-Recommendations.Dr .-Rose.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#)

STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER UPDATES:

Although Dr. Shelton intended to attend the ACHDHE meeting, an unexpected change in her schedule prevented her from doing so.

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October 8, 2024, Presentations:

PRESENTATIONS:

- Presentation: "[Virginia Health Opportunity Index & Workforce Data](#)", by Olivette **Burroughs** and Rexford **Anson-Dwamena**, Office of Health Equity, VDH
Link: [1.-VA-SLRP-Presentation-Updated-Oct-2024_V2.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#)

- Presentation: "[Virginia Youth Survey Overview](#)", by Tyler **Lambert**, Office of Family Health Services, VDH
Link: [2023-VYS-Presentation.pdf \(virginia.gov\)](#)

New Business:

Dr. David **Rose** provided an update regarding the ACHDHE nominations. One candidate has been nominated for the Chair position, and the person is Dr. Rose. Both Dr. **Bradshaw**, the current Vice Chair, and Mr. **Cecil**, the former Vice Chair, have been nominated for the Vice Chair role. Augustine **Doe**, ACHDHE staff support will contact each nominee to ascertain their willingness and availability to assume the proposed positions.

UPDATES:

Office of Health Equity (OHE) Updates

Ms. Sandra **Serna**, Director, Office of Health Equity shared the following:

- **OHE Presentation:** The Office of Health Equity (OHE) and the Workforce Development and Engagement Director presented the Virginia Department of Health’s (VDH) Diversity Opportunity and Inclusion (DOI) plan to the Virginia General Assembly.
- **Website Update:** OHE is in the process of updating its website to provide new resources organized by categories for both VDH staff and public access.
- **Nominations for Scholarship Program:** The OHE Workforce program is seeking nominations for board members for the Mary Marshall Nursing Scholarship Program. Assistance from the ACHDHE would be crucial in sharing the information with partner organizations and those interested in serving on the board.
- **OHE Workforce Online Applications:** All workforce programs will be available for online applications.

ACHDHE Members’ Updates:

Dr. Linnaya **Graf**: Liberty University is preparing to launch its Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) program, designed to equip students with the skills necessary for effective engagement in community health initiatives and collaboration across various organizations and sectors.

Mary T. **Brandenburg**: Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association is finalizing the reports on Virginia’s rural hospitals, with the aim of disseminating the document through a public release and accompanying press announcement.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The ACHDHE meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.

Next ACHDHE meeting: January 14, 2025.

Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Host Site: James Madison Building, 109 Governor Street, 23219.

Kindly send your questions to augustine.doe@vdh.virginia.gov.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Augustine **Doe**, Division of Multicultural Health and Community Engagement (DMHCE)

Minutes Reviewed By:

David C. **Rose**, MD, FAAP, ACHDHE Chair

Kate **Bradshaw**, Ph.D., FACHE, CPHQ, ACHDHE Vice Chair

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