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Nevada Office of Minority Health Seeking Advisory Committee Applicants

Carson City-The Nevada State Legislature created the Nevada Office of Minority Health (OMH) with passage of Assembly Bill 580 during the 2005 legislative session. OMH now operates with the mission of improving the quality of health care services for members of minority groups; increasing access to health care services; and seeking ways to provide education to address, treat and prevent diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority populations.

Included in the creation of AB 580 was the formation of an OMH Advisory Committee, composed of nine members reflecting the ethnic and geographical diversity of the state. The OMH Advisory Committee currently has two vacancies amongst its nine member committee.

The term of each member of the Committee is two years and a member may be reappointed for an additional term of two years. Advisory Committee members meet at least quarterly and are asked to advise the OMH Program Manager on all matters concerning the manner in which the functions of the Office of Minority Health are being carried out. In addition, Committee members review the manner in which the Office uses any gifts, grants, donations or appropriations and makes recommendations.

“Minorities have higher rates of infectious and chronic diseases due to factors such as socioeconomic status, environmental conditions, discrimination, and access to care. These factors are associated with health disparities such as the lack of health insurance and financial resources, structural barriers, cultural and linguistic barriers,” said June Coleman, Program Manager for the Nevada Office of Minority Health. Nevada leads the nation in the growth of minority populations. The OMH and its Advisory Committee need to be committed to addressing this issue and other emerging issues, which are destined to become major factors in Nevada’s health care environment.

The OMH is urging applicants interested in the OMH Advisory Committee to submit their resumes along with a letter of interest to the address listed below no later than February 26, 2010.

Nevada Office of Minority Health
Re: Advisory Committee Application
3811 W. Charleston Blvd. #205
Las Vegas, NV 89102

For more information, please contact the Nevada Office of Minority Health at (702) 486-7280.

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