

**NEVADA OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 22, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

**Nevada Office of Minority Health
3811 West Charleston Blvd., Suite 205
Las Vegas, NV 89102**

**AT&T Teleconference
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. William Dougan (Las Vegas)
Dr. Debra Toney, Chair (Las Vegas)
Larry Curley, Vice-Co-Chair
Emilia Guenechea (Las Vegas)
Sherria Taylor (Reno)
Gerold Dermid (Reno)

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Maggie Petrel, Vice-Co-Chair
Dr. Somphool Premrurit (Las Vegas)
Elena Brady (Reno)

HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Maria Canfield, M.S., Chief, Bureau Child, Family and Community Wellness (BCFCW)
Martha Framsted, Public Information Officer (PIO), Nevada State Health Division (NSHD)
June Coleman, Health Program Manager, (OMH), BCFCW
Irene Jimenez-Muir, Office Manager, OMH, BCFCW

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT

Linda Anderson, Attorney General's Office
Christin Utley, OMH, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Intern

1. Roll Call and Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2009

Dr. Debra Toney called the meeting to order at 10:11 am and welcomed everyone to the Office of Minority Health (OMH) Advisory Committee meeting.

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

Dr. Toney called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 10, 2009 as distributed.

MOTION: Dr. William Dougan made a motion to approve meeting minutes
SECOND: Larry Curley
PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

2. Participation of Public Information Officer (PIO) in Bureau of Child, Family & Community Wellness (BCFCW) program meetings

Dr. June Coleman introduced Martha Framsted. Ms. Framsted noted she would be attending various program meetings and would assist in helping to promote programs within the media if provided media speaking points. She also indicated she could assist with answering questions presented by the media.

3. Status of Hiring for Health Resource Analyst II (HRAII) Position

Dr. Coleman informed the committee interviews for the Health Resource Analyst II (HRAII) position within the OMH had been conducted on 7/21/09 and four candidates were interviewed. She also indicated she is awaiting approval from personnel on the candidate selected then she could move forward with mailing out the offer letter.

Mr. Curley inquired about the number of applicants for the position and also asked if the name of the selected candidate could be released. Dr. Coleman replied she was not able to release the name of the selected candidate at this time.

4. Discussion of Town Hall Meetings and Cultural Competency Conference

Maria Canfield reported there was technical assistance money available to assist with development of Cultural Competency Trainings. Dr. Coleman added Suganya Sockalingam, will perform the initial development of the curriculum and the OMH staff will be part of the training.

Dr. Toney noted in order to publicize Cultural Competency trainings or Town Hall meetings with a central theme of Cultural Competency, it is important to look at data and get this information out to stake holders and to the community as to where Nevada stands. In addition, Dr. Toney mentioned the Senate Majority Leader lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. The OMH should invite policy people to a round table discussion about the impact of various disparities on the uninsured and underinsured population and make them aware of what is happening in Nevada. Dr. Toney also noted reimbursement rates had been slashed and is affecting businesses that provide medical care, seniors, etc. and indicated OMH was obligated to get involved in the discussion.

Mr. Curley agreed with Dr. Toney and noted the Indian Health Service (IHS) is really involved with the Health Reform and Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA). He indicated massive amounts of money are going to states to serve the underserved communities and CHIPRA had special money set aside which was made available for this purpose and OMH should be involved in insuring that is the case. He also noted the Supreme Court nomination indicated how uncomfortable people still are with issues of race.

Dr. Coleman reported she had inquired with Nancy Whitman of Nevada Covering Kids who is working on a grant application for funding in Nevada about partnering with OMH on the application. She also reported Ms. Whitman indicated she would love to have OMH as a stakeholder.

Dr. Toney clarified "stakeholder" as getting part of funds from the grant and not just using the name of OMH, meaning not just being a partner but also getting some of the funding. Dr. Coleman noted she would like to see OMH working as a partner with Nevada Covering Kids, due to staff involvement in Ms. Whitman's campaigns. Dr. Toney added she wanted exposure for OMH to be in a position to be the first to contact as an expert.

Ms. Canfield recommended figuring out how much involvement the Advisory Committee wants to have. In addition, she suggested setting up a meeting with the head of Finance and Policy to see about funding. Linda Anderson recommended placing the issue on a future agenda as an action item. Mr. Curley agreed forums were needed and this issue should be added to the next agenda.

Dr. William Dougan asked about an outline on how to go forward with town hall meetings. Dr. Coleman responded a plan would have to be laid out. Dr. Toney noted and confirmed there is a consensus on moving forward with town hall meetings in the various communities in Northern and southern Nevada.

5. Legislative Session Update

Dr. Coleman reported Senate Bill 79 (SB 79) passed effective July 1, 2009 and the Advisory Committee would be appointed by the Board of Health (BOH) and appointments will no longer be made by the Governor's office. She also noted it is unknown what other activities the Advisory Committee will be responsible for and would only have to appear in front of the BOH if the BOH has a specific request. Mr. Curley asked about the relationship with BOH?

Ms. Canfield noted the appointment of Advisory Committee members shifted to BOH from the Governor's Office and a number of programs have standing items on the BOH agenda. She also mentioned if there is a need to appoint a new member this may trigger a request for presentation.

Dr. Toney inquired about submission of quarterly reports and if released from that responsibility, does OMH still have to submit a report to the Governor's office? Ms. Canfield noted reports could be presented to the BOH if requested but it was critical to be able to report on outcome measures. Dr. Coleman pointed out that a number of recommendations have been provided in reports. Ms. Canfield also noted reports are not a measure for influencing policies.

Dr. Toney asked since the BOH is overseeing re-appointment issues, can items be added to BOH's agenda? Ms. Canfield replied yes and the BOH is very cooperative and supportive.

Emilia Guenechea requested copies of reports so Advisory Committee members are not missing anything and if reports could also be posted on the OMH webpage. Dr. Coleman commented it would be done in the future with all reports.

6. Discussion of Strategic Plan Implementation

Dr. Coleman announced the development of an OMH e-Newsletter.

Christin Uteley stated the information for the e-Newsletter was gathered on OMH's accomplishments for online purposes. In addition, it can be changed and manipulated as needed because it set in a template form.

Dr. Coleman described the e-Newsletter and indicated it would be produced on a quarterly basis; e-mail addresses were being compiled in a list for distribution once it is finalized. Ms. Canfield suggested profiling one of the Advisory Committee members each issue.

Dr. Coleman also provided an update on the OMH Library Dissemination Campaign which is to provide health disparities information throughout all libraries in the state, including university libraries. She also noted students would have information available to them in the libraries that they could research on health disparities and find OMH materials there.

7. Review of OMH FY09 and FY10 State and Federal Budgets

Dr. Coleman reported last fiscal year the funds were cut by \$25,000 from the Federal Budget and \$10,000 from the State Budget. She also reported approximately \$13,000 would be available for carryover.

8. Discussion of OMH Sustainability Plan

Dr. Coleman noted Jacquelyn Williams, Project Officer for the National Office of Minority Health (NOMH) indicated there needs to be continued funding for state Offices of Minority Health and hopes funding will continue after 2010. Dr. Dougan asked when information about funding will be available. Ms. Canfield suggested the Advisory Committee join in on the next call to get the final word on funding. Dr. Coleman noted she would advise members on the next funding meeting and also indicated she could possibly schedule a separate phone call with the Project Officer if desired. Mr. Curley asked for budget amounts issued this year. Dr. Coleman reported \$118,317 from the State and \$130,853 from the Federal. Mr. Curley also asked if the OMH will receive any stimulus money. Ms. Canfield responded stimulus money was very specifically earmarked. Gerold Dermid indicated the NOMH offers grants, however, the July deadline was missed. He also offered his help on future grants from NOMH. Mr. Curley noted chronic diseases fit into the priority listing and asked if Lupus was a high priority. Ms. Guenechea noted Lupus was a major concern for the Latino community and also stated she would like to get as much information out as possible and would be interested in partnerships with anyone interested in this issue since most cases are misdiagnosed.

Mr. Dermid suggested adding OMH to the NOMH mailing list.

9. Discussion and possible recommendations for the Advisory Committee Vacancy

Dr. Coleman reported OMH Advisory Committee lost Dr. Somphool Premsrirut and needs suggestions or recommendations for appointment of new members. She also added a good candidate would be a community person, a person to give insight on community perspectives. Various suggestions were discussed. Ms. Canfield mentioned there are a number of organizations OMH can look into to do a solicitation for new members. The Advisory Committee will make a recommendation to BOH for appointment. Mr. Dermid suggested meeting several times a year with community members such as "Joe the Plumber" groups to get feedback on community needs. Mr. Dermid also stated he is willing to help out in anything he can to make OMH work.

10. Public Comment

No public comments.

The meeting adjourned at **11:22 a.m.**