# Health Equity Advisory Commission

# Meeting Notes

Date: March 8, 2022

1. Updates

* Welcome Jay Greene to the Office of Racial Equity!

1. Al Belluche, VT Community Foundation - CDC Health Disparities Grant

* Al Belluche, assisting with RFP for piece of CDC HD grant that VCF is helping manage
* Working closely with VDH and grants and funding subcommittee
* Building community capacity, cross-sector partnerships, disseminate info and access to health related services
* RFP working group (HB, Sara, Ashley, Heidi, ) – in the works. Intending to set up floor of $25K, guess is an average of $100K.
* Hope to release RFP April 1 (know this is a tight timeline)
* Need reviewers for proposals
  + Conflicts of Interest – many members here may be applicants. We can’t share RFP. We need more reviewers, especially those with lived experience and those who won’t be applying for a grant
  + What is the best way for HEAC members interested in reviewing to get in touch? Email Al at Alfred Belluche [abelluche@vermontcf.org](mailto:abelluche@vermontcf.org)
  + Review will happen in April – May
  + Time commitment associated with volunteering to review – not sure yet – not insignificant – RFP will go out April 1, apps back to VCF May 1, reviewers meet in May, awards made in late May/no later than June. 2.5 weeks from review to decision.
  + First track – established org who can accept federal funds, track two – small mutual aid group without 501©3, EIN, DUNS, etc – VTA will help them find a fiscal agent, address barriers, can apply on rolling basis for grants.
  + Stipends will be paid for participation

**Dru Roessle, Director of Performance Improvement in Secretary’s Office at AHS - Community Profiles in Health and Wellbeing Project**

* Embed RBA as a framework, support partners in the field to use that methodology. Align around meaningful measures of well being, be collaborative
* AHS convened project in late 90s – folks have access to data, understand how they are doing in measures that are important to them. Recommitted to republishing in 2017 – VDH’s data dashboard – try to show as much population level measures as we could by 3 different geographies (AHS district, County level, hospital service area)
* Consider what level of involvement HEAC wants to have in this project. Let Dru know if you want to be involved individually.
* Funded by CDC HE grant to launch community profiles in flexible and user friendly format. Recommit to set of indicators anchored in equity lens.
* What makes measures meaningful? Critical components, infrastructure, phase 2 goals, strategies, project roles
* Want as an inclusive a steering committee as possible – whole committee comes together a few times but can choose data selection, tech and design, community engagement, and governance
* This group will want to keep in close contact with Dru

**Justin Kenney, Chief Performance Officer, HEAC member – KATA QI framework**

* Looking for clear vision of how we will operate as we form subcommittees, etc so we are less scattered
* Structure, effective is our utilization of time
* Focus for meeting – what is the challenge we are trying to achieve. Can be amorphous or concrete
* Everyone will understand what is happening at any committee meetings, can read notes and see commonalities, cute out guesswork
* Track broader landscape of work being done
* Can this model be adapted to address larger concerns?
* Figure out which subs are interested, once we have that sense we’ll know how many sections we need.
* Would need to help ppl with developmental disability understand the framework; the way it was presented is too abstract.

1. Public Comment

* none

1. Review/Preview

* Please reach out to Al Belluche if you have interest in serving as a reviewer for the CDC Health Disparities grant project proposals. [abelluche@vermontcf.org](mailto:abelluche@vermontcf.org) Please note it is a conflict of interest for applicants to serve as reviewers
* Please reach out to Dru Roessle [Dru.Roessle@vermont.gov](mailto:Dru.Roessle@vermont.gov) if you have interest in participating in the community profiles in health and wellbeing project.