

Health Equity Advisory Commission

Meeting Notes

Date: December 10, 2021

I. Updates

Davis – spoke with Rep Lippert, Chair of House Healthcare Committee to discuss extension. Fri Feb 18th potential date to delay. Chair will provide update when she has more information.

II. Discussion: Sub-Committee Structure

Suggestion from Monica: need for a workplan for this group – pretty heavy expectations of this group, how do we get there? Offered to collate what we have heard so far and drafted something to share. Sorting through legislative intent, utilizing original PP. Get clarity on what we are expected to do, what does the leg want from us. Logical subcommittees that need to exist that need to move us in the directions we want to go. Issue Mapping is great but doesn't lend itself to a working structure.

Suggested workgroups: Access to care, policy and programming, training and engagement and communication (would manage liaisons to other groups), data, prevention and upstream services/SDOH, grants/funding

Kheya: the current mental health integration workgroup is doing work that overlaps with some of this. Reporting back and forth between the two.

How to engage with other bodies? Where do we all have other touchpoints?
Communications/connections/liase with other workgroups

Steffan: designated liaison, have a high level synopsis of what is going on to report to other groups. We need to start talking to other groups with parallel work. Difficult to coordinate. One or two people would act as liaison to group. Brainstorm before go into meeting and lay out important points to deliver. One formal point person, others might tag on.

Mark: aspirational – have people who have a running list of all the meetings

Geoff: supporting idea of liaison attending other groups. Those of us who participate in both can focus on that rather than have to manage both simultaneously

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Kirsten: training and engagement could be separate, combine education with engagement.

Kheya: grants and funding should be a separate committee. This is big and will require data. Looking at larger grants, federal and other partners, etc.

Leslie: are we talking about making determinations about available funding or reviewing available funding opportunities? Kheya – both

Monica: Any value to looking at most recent versions of issue mapping – crosswalk/overlap?

Mark: workforce recruitment may not need to be the priority – it was pulled from issue mapping. Anything that is “outside” work is consultation – the heart of our charge. Numbers 1 and 2 are consultative, 3 and 4 policy, 5 and 6 funding, 7 data, training. Training is also in purpose of act itself.

Xusana: funding links with policy and programming

Monica: some subcommittees could be more ad hoc

Steffen: is this the work of the subcommittees, so figure out what the scope is. Takes pressure off of us as a big group to figure it out.

Kheya: this group will figure out creation of office/where this office is, when do we look at this?

Xusana: other subcommittees would need to know each others work so we don't cross. Should be in step with each other.

Mark: timelines that will be established on work, there will be some centralized visibility/control, come back together to the full group to report out – not a lot of risk there to overlap.

Sara: Presented proposal for eventual/proposed subcommittee focused on funding – ask of the HEAC to participate in decision making on VCF's spending of the CDC Health Disparities grant. Request will be emailed out.

Joanne: flagging that conflicts of interest could come up for folks involved if their agency wants to apply for funding

Granting committee should develop protocol for COI, how to funnel back to the full group

How/when/where/how often?

Subcommittee meetings must be open to public, have to have in person option for meeting

Steffen: how about we create a poll where we ask people about interest in each group?
When they meet they decide how to structure/what to contribute to rest of group.

III. Discussion: Issue Mapping

Several of us have made changes or would like to make changes to the Issues Mapping document. We will need to condense and consolidate, make sure everyone knows where shared and editable doc is. Leslie will resolve the two different docs

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Review/Preview

Director Davis will write up what we've developed, send to group and send subcommittee poll. Acknowledge others are not here for these decisions and we may need to go back to drawing board, but we can have this as a plan for now.

Vice Chair Gillom and Leslie will connect – check in with folks who have had trouble making these meetings to check in, talk about scheduling and make aware of what we're planning with subcommittees (complete the poll)

Mark: please remind folks that they have options to send a designee

Minutes submitted by: Sara Chesbrough

Minutes approved by: Name