# Health Equity Advisory Commission

# Meeting Notes

Date: October 26, 2022

1. Public Comment

None

1. Updates

Save space for the end of the meeting for upcoming annual report

No subcommittee report out

Couple supplemental meetings have happened between incoming and outgoing HEAC leadership.

Some subgroups have done writing on the report between last time and now

Agency of Administration – emulate templates, announce meetings, how previous Chair was setting things up. Chair and Vice Chair will connect on this. There should be admin support for this group.

1. Governance

none

1. Report

This report focuses on training, a lot of the reccs in here don’t focus on action. Proposal – divide into “future/still working on” reccs and “finalized”

Systems Coordination edits

* Articulate that we’re talking about physical and mental health. We don’t define it.
* Coordinating care and systems requires more intention – we will want to recommend decoupling unhelpful coordination in some cases. Moving this to “future”.

Licensing and Workforce Development edits

* Out of state providers and Telehealth – increase access for VTers to culturally competent providers

Continuing Education and Training edits

* Need to standardize training on health equity – what does this look like?
* Do we assign a future Office of Health Equity any of the training related recommendations? We haven’t defined this yet – are we overstepping in naming that entity? How will the VDH Office of Health Equity Integration be integrated into a future OHE?

Language Access edits

1. Governance
   * What to do about Data Committee
   * Whatever the subcommittee deliberations are, let’s try to really capture and bring back to the larger group. Intentionally focus on findings and recommendations. Need notes of what we’ve agreed upon.
   * Will need to work on appointments (one vs two year).
   * Might be worth assessing which orgs are not coming and do some outreach around why. Shalini had done that at one point. Vice Chair will touch base with Shalini.
   * Start a segment – equity thought of the day – take 10 min to teach one another. Sara C will take first one next month.
   * Annual report – Section 6 of enabling statute – disaggregated data categories, language, budget, fundings – should look at this in conjunction with ORE
   * Report due in January where we should say where the Office of Health Equity should sit.
2. Next Steps

Vice Chair will upload draft with today’s date on it and Chair will add to Sharepoint ASAP. This is everyone’s last opportunity to look it over. Edits for errors and grammatical errors are due by 10/28.

Chair will rework the Education and Training section, will remove reference to the Office of Health Equity.

Go back and finalize, final input in by Friday. Submit by Monday 10/31.

For now keep committees going.

Next meetings 11/9 and 11/30, 12:30-2 PM

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