# *Health Equity Advisory Commission*

# *Meeting Notes*

Date: October 5, 2022

1. **Public Comment**

Jill Sudhoff-Guerin from the Vermont Medical Society noticed in previous notes that the Commission is discussing continuing ed for health care professions, wanted to see where we are at and open the discussion to include VMS

1. **Updates**

Shout out to Kheya for organizing a grounding meeting on the current report

Policy and SDOH subcommittee – hard to get grounded in the concepts. Medicaid interconnectivity, other initiatives in play across the state that we want to intersect with. Ex: HIAP

Bard – come back to definitions of SDOH and notice intersectionalities

1. **Governance**

Our enabling statute requires that we select chair and vice chair annually

Process: formal vote

Small # of people represented on this call. Discussion about whether to proceed, decision to proceed

Nominations: Xusana Davis for Chair, declined; Kheya Ganguly for Vice Chair, accepted, Mark Hughes for Chair, accepted; Monica Hutt, away right now

Appointments for upcoming year: Mark Hughes, Chair; Kheya Ganguly, Vice Chair

Sincere thanks to the previous Chair and Vice Chair (Xusana and Steffan) for the leadership in the first year of this Commission

1. **Report**

Report writing – huge team effort

Concern putting something forward that is not fully baked

Needs to be accessible to legislators; do a “thought check” on recommendations

High impact points – what are the things we want to push through? It reads strongly at beginning and trickles down at the end

Process – how do we have conversations, we are writing things in the margins that really should be conversations

Language is “consider this”, “where appropriate” à we can be more assertive about what we expect/hope to see and be more specific

Report needs an executive summary

The word “peer” means something very different field to field

We have to capture notes of subcommittee meetings, and we’ve got to report out of those groups

We’ve gone over and over on training – the committee has agreed it should be mandatory

Since this initial report is about training and education, we need to discuss standardization – who is being trained, what is being trained, who is doing training, etc

1. **Next Steps**
* Chair and Vice Chair will ask legislature for extension til Nov 1
* ALL - Please commit, by Friday, to reviewing the entire report and give feedback with specific attention to language in recommendations
* Vice Chair will integrate draft and comments (go through and make changes via track changes, but not accept/resolve them); will set meeting for next Wednesday
* Sara will draft glossary/list of terms and will send to Vice Chair who will get out to the whole group before next Wed
* Kirsten will draft executive summary

Of note: Today is Yom Kippur and several members are off for the holiday – let’s be more culturally sensitive and aware in the future.

Minutes submitted by: Sara Chesbrough