

Health Equity Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes

Format

- Tuesday May 03, 2022 @ 12:30 p.m.
- Virtual: MS Teams
- Phone: 802-828-7667 | Meeting ID: 294 038 702

Materials Presented/Distributed

- Definitions of health equity
- "Connecting issues with SOV stakeholders" document
- Draft RFP announcement

Attendance

[Present: Andrea Brett, Sara Chesbrough, Joanne Crawford, Xusana Davis, Andrea De La Bruere, Kheya Ganguly, Steffen Gillom, Jay Greene, Lehana Guyette, Mark Hughes, Leslie Johnson, Patricia Johnson, Justin Kenney, Ashley Kraybill, Kirsten Murphy, Karen Noone, Shalini Suryanarayana]

Agenda

1. Announcements
2. Subcommittee report-outs
3. RFP draft
4. Definitions
5. Connecting stakeholders
6. Action Items

Minutes

- **Announcements**
 - Mark: RJA is continuing its "abolish slavery" campaign. Thursdays at 6 p.m. there is a regular event with VT Interfaith Action and the Abolish Slavery National Network. RJA's Facebook page has more details. P.R. 2 will be a ballot item this year.
- **Subcommittee report-outs**
 - Subcommittee 7 - Grants & Funding: Group is meeting regularly, and just met yesterday. First task was to work with Al Belluche on the STRETCH project by helping evaluate the funding timeline and applicant review process.
- **Draft RFP Review**
 - Shalini walks the group through the draft RFP announcement.
 - Feedback:
 - Replace references to environment/climate with language about health equity.
 - Add accessibility accommodation to the scope of work for the public meetings.
 - Consider listing the percentages or number of hours expected for each deliverable so proposals can be more easily compared.
 - Timeline is very short--can HEAC really get this done in this amount of time?
 - Can HEAC submit the Legislative report later than October? If so, that shortens the time legislators have to start drafting relevant legislation to introduce in January.
 - Can HEAC give the Legislature a draft report in October so they can start bill drafting, but submit the final report later?