

AAHSAC Meeting Minutes: July 1, 2026

MINUTES PREPARED BY: OAAH
LOCATION: VIRTUAL

Attendance

- Aisha Ellis, MDH
- Carol Houston, AAHSAC
- Chris Smith, AAHSAC
- Demitrea Kelley, AAHSAC
- Gage Urvina, AAHSAC
- Heather Rippel, MDH
- Iman Ibrahim, AAHSAC
- Inih Essien, AAHSAC
- Jamie Hackett, AAHSAC
- Joel Boyd, AAHSAC
- Lola Muhammad, AAHSAC
- Lucas Simmons, MDH
- Matthew Arries, AAHSAC
- Seena Hodges, MDH facilitator
- Stephanie Trusten, MDH

Decisions made

- June meeting minutes approved

Action items

- Sub-Committees will report meeting cadence and priorities for advancing work deliverables plan to facilitator and Council liaison.
- Council members will email the Council liaison for SharePoint access and workplan questions.

Agenda

- 2:00pm - Opening and Approval of June Meeting Minutes

- 2:05pm - Reflections from June Health Disparities Assessment Presentation
- 2:20pm - Sub-Committee Breakouts
- 2:45pm - Sub-Committee Report Outs
- 2:55pm - Break
- 3:00pm - Legislative Relations Training
- 3:30pm - OAAH Update
- 3:45pm - AAHSAC SharePoint Page Overview
- 3:55pm - Closing

Next meeting

Date: August 5, 2026

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Virtual Teams

Agenda items: To be announced

Meeting notes

The Council welcomed Lucas Simmons, OAAH data and evaluation specialist, for a discussion on reflection on the June health disparities assessment presentation and to answer questions related to the information shared. The AAHSAC Sub-Committees had robust discussions in breakout rooms on priorities for advancing the Council's work plan deliverables, roles and responsibilities to accomplish tasks and accomplishments so far. Lisa Thimjon, MDH Office of Legislative Relations Director, was invited to provide legislative relations training with a question-and-answer session for Council members. The director of the Office of African American Health provided an update to the Council on the Office's upcoming strategic planning initiative and community engagements, as well as the MDH legislative session that is planned for the fall of 2026. The Council liaison provided an overview of the Council's SharePoint page.

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