

## HEAL Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 14, 2020, 12:00-2:00PM, WILDER FOUNDATION

### Attendees

**HEAL Council Members:** Talia Miracle, Va Yang, Dr. Jokho Farah, Ayah Mohammed, Samuel Moose, Anita Buel, Jessica Coleman, Jennifer Nguyen Moore, Zitlali Ayala, Casandra Silveria, Dr. Tracine Asberry, Sue Graftsrom, Sameerah Bilal-Roby, Laurelle Myhra, Callie Chamberlain

**MDH Staff:** Karen Fogg (MDH Children and Family Health), Dan Fernandez-Baca (MDH Center for Health Statistics), Mohammed Hassan (MDH Center for Health Equity), Betty Hiller (MDH CHE), Jeannette Raymond (MDH Community Engagement), Donna Laine (MDH Public Health Lab), Deb Burns (MDH Community Health Division), Kou Thao (MDH CHE), Sara Chute (MDH CHE), Melanie Peterson-Hickey (Health Promotion and Chronic Disease)

**Other Guests:** Abby (student), Louise (student), ASL interpreters, Representative Samantha Vang (District 40B)

### Action Log as of February 2020

Action	Person Responsible	Due Date
1. HEAL requests workplan and timeline for data equity goals	Dan Fernandez-Baca	
2. Therese Genis requests HEAL members to join HEAL Advocacy and Response Committee. If interested contact Therese at <a href="mailto:tgenis@healtheast.org">tgenis@healtheast.org</a>	HEAL members	3/6/20
3. Send electronic signed copies of State of MN oath	HEAL members who participated virtually	2/21/20
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## Introductions

- HEAL Council members and guests shared their organizational, community affiliations and why they are committed to the work of the HEAL Council

## Orientation Follow Up

- Review of Brave Space Agreements
- Signing and reading of oaths
- Review of MDH Organizational Chart and where Community Health Division and Center for Health Equity are located within the agency

## HEAL Advocacy and Response Committee

- Therese reviewed committee scope of work: to respond to health and health equity issues in Minnesota; review of process; will be working on training for HEAL Council Members around advocacy.
  - **Action Requested:** Therese asked who interested in joining the committee.
    - Sue and Jessica are interested in joining the committee.

## HEAL Memo - Deep Dive

- History and Context: HEAL Council wrote and delivered the HEAL Council Memo to MDH and Commissioner Malcolm in January 2019. Priority areas in the Memo reflected issues that MDH had in the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan, and the HEAL Council specified that data, community engagement, and systems change were priority areas for MDH to continue to address related to health equity.
- The HEAL Council reviewed the council mission, vision, and values.
  - HEAL Council is not bound in statute and council co-chairs asked Rep. Vang for her and the POCI Caucus support of 2020 legislative proposal to put HEAL into statute. Proposal is going through review by Governor right now.
  - Rep Vang will bring it back to the POCI Caucus of legislators and they are committed to health equity.
- MDH Response: Commissioner Malcolm responded and met with the HEAL Co-chairs in March of 2019 and provided a written response.
- Progress to date on HEAL memo:
  - Data update - Dan Fernandez-Baca:
    - HEAL recommended disaggregation of data: working on draft of standardization of demographic collection of data in partnership with DHS. There are draft questions that will be taken back to communities for review. MDH is not always a primary collector of data.

- MDH will be coming to HEAL to discuss how to address data disaggregation when we don't do the primary data collection. Questions in disaggregation about analysis and how to group people based on identities and how to report analysis and groupings.
  - Center for Health Statistics has started a health equity data community of practice to discuss these issues of equity in disaggregation, analysis, and communication of data.
    - **Action Requested:** HEAL Council members would like to know when meetings are happening and how they can get updates and contribute more, as well as a timeline for accountability.
- Community Engagement (CE) update - Jeannette Raymond:
  - One of the HEAL recommendations was that there needed to be consistent engagement efforts across MDH. MDH is developing a new community engagement plan and HEAL has had the opportunity to participate in that effort. The process is strongly informed by community members.
  - Part of the new MDH Community Engagement Plan has to do with a food and hospitality policy to encourage more welcoming meetings and spaces, which has been sent on to MMB.
  - Community Engagement has been identifying community spaces to hold meetings in order to further support hosting meetings in community spaces.
  - Gov. Walz has a commission on community engagement and CE has been involved in contributing to that. All divisions are filling out a weekly form on community engagement to track CE activities across the agency, which goes to the Governor's office and to Commissioner Malcolm.
  - Blue Ribbon Commission (established by 2019 legislative session) is looking at how to not over-burden communities by looking at existing community engagement information. Other recommendations MDH gave to the Commission were to include HEAL and CECLC in their process.
- Systems Change - Kou Thao:
  - Governor's One Minnesota Plan is coming out soon. MDH is writing its strategic plan, and has been taking into account the HEAL Council Memo recommendations. HEAL will be able to provide feedback on the MDH strategic plan. Metrics will be a part of the MDH Strategic Plan.
  - By the March meeting MDH will compile all that MDH has worked on related to the Memo recommendations to bring to HEAL.
  - HEAL asked if senior citizens were a part of the Governor's One MN Plan?
    - Governor Walz has created the Governor's Council on an Age Friendly Minnesota <https://mn.gov/governor/news/?id=1055-412933>; first meeting will be February 26, 2020.

## **Updates and Announcements**

- HEAL Council member updates and announcements
  - CENSUS is coming. Apply to be a Census taker and encourage communities of color and other communities to participate.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.**