HEAL Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 14, 2019, 9:00AM – 1:00PM ~ EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Attendees

HEAL Council Members: Johko Farah, Va Yang, Therese Genis, Samuel Moose, Tamiko Morgan, Laurelle Myrha, Cassie Silveira

MDH Staff: Bruce Thao, Deb Burns, Shor Salkas, Jeanette Raymond, Sara Chute, Bridget Pouladian, Melanie Peterson-Hickey, Ramya Palaniappian, Betty Hiller, Marisol Chiclana-Ayala, Madison Olmsted

Action Items

- Secretary of state application form to be completed by continuing HEAL Members

Agenda

Council Business

- Vote held to approve Dr. Jokho Farah and Va Yang for an additional 1-year term as council co-chairs
  - Laurelle motioned to vote in Dr. Jokho Farah and Va Yang for an additional 1-year term as council co-chairs. Tamiko seconded the motion.
  - All in favor. Motion passed.

- Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule: Monthly for 2 hours over lunch on a Friday in a consistent location
  - Easier to fit into schedules and allows for more deep dives
  - Will help with momentum
  - Va motioned. Tamiko seconded.
  - All in favor. Motion passed.

- Advocacy and Response Committee
  - Therese looking into advocacy training
  - Looking for new members to join
  - Therese and Laurelle will continue as committee members
  - Va wants to do a legislative workshop
  - Infant Mortality as a topic we could form a legislative agenda around
    - Maternal health in general
    - Poor care in our AI communities
    - Look at what goes wrong in health care for moms
    - Child protection and likelihood of children making it home with mom
  - How to make our agendas more fluid to make space to address more current issues?
    - Therese can maybe prepare things ahead of time
  - Money at MDH for POC around opioids
What is MDH and what is DHS?
- American Indian Holistic Healing to prevent opioid use money made it through the legislature and went to DHS
- Injury and Violence in HPCD is likely putting out grants

Can we get a list together of all the grants for different topics for POC?
- There is a portal to sign up for grant announcements by program for MDH. Something similar likely exists for MDH
- Maybe we can send some sort of regular blast
- CHE listserv has a section for funding
- Some people get money before others

Partnering with other groups that already have processes and resources for advocacy and response
- MN Doctors for Health Equity is one option
- Tamiko has connections to others doing this work
- Can this be a responsibility on the advocacy and response?

New requirement for community review of proposed policies at the state
- This is a possible role for the committee

Conversation with Deputy Commissioner Margaret Kelly

Legislative Updates
- HEAL Council Statute
  - Has passed through the Governor’s review process
- Budget
  - This is an off year with the budget, capital budget (bonding year)
  - Later in November we will learn whether we have a surplus or a deficit. The first 400 million will go into the reserve
  - Maternal and child health and infant mortality are priorities
  - Vaping and opioids are priorities
  - Re-envisioning the public health partnership is another priority
  - Relationship building with tribes
- Retaining an HR Director
  - Filling this position is a priority
  - Bruce will send out the position when it is open

MDH Updates

Community Engagement – Jeanette Raymond
- New team member Kathy Denman-Wilkey
- Dorothy Bliss is retiring
- Recently provided TA to Wisconsin
- 2nd phase of community engagement plan
  - Workgroup of MDH employees and community members
    - Getting recommendations from HEAL
- Survey of advisory group members in early 2020
- Facilities project to learn where MDH can invest in using spaces to use and be in community
- Doing narrative work

Systems Change – Bruce Thao
- I-HEALTH focused on systems change
• Previewed list of recommendations from Advancing Racial Equity Training (aligned with the HEAL memo, going to do a crosswalk)
• I-HEALTH is going to refine them into actionable items

  o I-HEALTH is also moving to meeting monthly
  o Posted for director of Office of Diversity and Inclusion, HR director is going to be posted soon
  o Bruce going to an agency Directors Meeting to talk about I-HEALTH and HEAL and discuss how to promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for workforce development even without HR director
  o Much maternal and child health work going on at MDH and nationally
    ▪ PEW grant funding 10 state tables to see how state collaboration can move the needle on MCH
    ▪ Community Solutions Fund
    ▪ Black Birth Summit
    ▪ Children’s Cabinet has a priority for infant health
    ▪ United States of Care: Table with health system CEOs

  o Planning the 2020 Health Equity Summit
    ▪ Driven by Health Equity Leadership Network (HELN)
    ▪ Let Madison know if you are interested in being a part of the planning
    ▪ Innovation lab structure

  o Grantmaking updates:
    ▪ Bias module: resources to help grant programs talk about bias in the review session
    ▪ Worked with grants office for language in grant agreement templates
    ▪ Also completed projects on strategic outreach and RFP language
    ▪ HEAL would like to know who is reviewing grants and whether they are from communities most impacted (CMI)
    ▪ MDH is working on consistency, trying to find the pockets that are excelling
    ▪ We now have a database of all the grantees

HEAL Updates, Announcements and Farewells

• Indian Health Services has 15 regions and the different health boards are doing interesting work
  o We are the lowest funded region
  o Looking to create synergy among the 34 tribes in our region to pool resources and push up an agenda to advocate for as a region

• Native American Community Clinic (NACC) received a grant from Hennepin Health to create an ECHO online community learning
  o On opioid treatment
  o 22 talks (every other week)
  o Specifically for Native American community

• Tribes gathered with Lt. Gov. and Commissioners a few months ago for tribal legislative summit and shared priorities for next legislative session

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.