



Final Minutes of the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities
May 11, 2016
Wenatchee Convention Center (Red Delicious Room)
121 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801

HDC members present:

Gail Brandt	Mona Johnson
Vazaskia Crockrell	Stephen Kutz
Nora Coronado	Frankie Manning
Emma Medicine White Crow	Millie Piazza
Kim Eads	Lori Lee Wada
Nova Gattman	Greg Williamson

HDC members absent:

Marietta Bobba	Sara Franklin
Willie Frank	Diane Klontz

HDC Staff present:

Megan Block, Student Intern	Christy Hoff, Council Manager
Melanie Hisaw, Executive Assistant	Kelie Kahler, Communications Manager

Guests and Other Participants:

Sarah Atkerson, Community Member	Mary Harper, Community Member
John Bowden, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee	Brooklyn Holton, City of Wenatchee
Michelle Davis, Sate Board of Health	Maria Joya, Chelan-Douglas Health District
Christal Eshelman, Chelan-Douglas Health District	Cathy Meuret, Chelan-Douglas Health District
Orlando Gonzalez, Family Health Centers	Nancy Warner, Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship

Emma Medicine White Crow, Council Chair, called the public meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and read from a prepared statement (on file). She asked Council members, staff, and members of the public to introduce themselves.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve May 11, 2016 agenda

Motion/Second: Nova Gattman/Vazaskia Crockrell. Approved unanimously.

2. ADOPTION OF FEBRUARY 10, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve February 10, 2016 minutes

Motion/Second: Frankie Manning/Mona Johnson. Approved unanimously.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COUNCIL BUSINESS

Christy Curwick Hoff, Council Staff, announced staffing changes within the board and the council. Sierra Rotakhina accepted a new position with the Board as its policy advisor on issues related to children and family health. The Board recently filled the Health Impact Review analyst position and

the new staff member will be starting on June 16. Ms. Hoff introduced Megan Block, a student intern who is assisting on the Board's animal keeping rule, the Council's compilation of cultural humility trainings, and a summary of public input for the Council's survey on promoting equity in state government. Vazaskia Crockrell, Council Member, suggested that Council members review the cultural humility training list before dissemination.

4. BRIEFING-LOCAL INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE HEALTH, EQUITY, AND COMMUNITY

Chair Medicine White Crow introduced the speakers, Nancy Warner, Program Coordinator for the Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship (IRIS) and Brooklyn Holton, Housing and Community Planner for the City of Wenatchee. Ms. Warner provided background information on IRIS and shared the mission to foster sustainable rural communities by gathering stories. She highlighted IRIS programs—North Central Washington Community Success Summit, Gathering our Voice, Picture of Health, and Listening Post Network (on file at Tab 4). Greg Williamson, Council Member, asked if state agency employees were able to attend to the success summit. Ms. Warner said the summit is open to all and they have had state agency people attend in the past.

Ms. Holton's presentation covered the South Wenatchee Subarea Plan, 1422 grant, Community Development Block Grant Program, Healthy Living Wenatchee Valley Coalition, and United Neighborhood Association (on file at Tab 4). Kim Eads, Council Member, suggested that mobile food pantries can be helpful in rural communities and offered to provide resources. Gail Brandt, Council Member, asked about participation in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and where the community goes to use vouchers if they do not have a grocery store. Ms. Holton said the farmers market is trying to accommodate and they are trying to start conversations with grocers. Frankie Manning, Council Vice Chair, thanked them for their work and Member Williamson commented on the importance of considering education and early learning in their work.

5. BRIEFING-JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDY

Chair Medicine White Crow introduced John Bowden, Research Analyst with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC). John gave his presentation (on file at tab 5), which covered information about JLARC, the questions he will consider in the review, and the timeline for the review. He emphasized that he was not going to consider the Council's impact on rates of injury or illness, since he understands that is beyond the scope of the Council. Nova Gattman, Council Member, asked if reviews are included in JLARC statute or program statute and Mr. Bowden responded that the language authorizing a review can be included in either. Member Brandt asked if JLARC committee members are informed about health disparities and opportunities to inform the committee about the Council's work. Vice Chair Manning asked Mr. Bowden if he could help educate legislators about health disparities and social determinants of health and Member Williamson asked if there was an opportunity to include background information in the report. Mr. Bowden said when the final report is presented in December there will be time for staff and/or Council members to provide comments to the committee. Mona Johnson, Council Member, suggested using the Health Impact Reviews as a teachable moment for explaining equity and the Council's work. Steve Kutz, Council Member, commented on the lack of authority given to the Council and how it has to rely on changes being adopted by the Legislature and others. Millie Piazza, Council Member, suggested that the report also highlight the barriers to effectiveness of the Council because of its lack of authority and include recommendations for increased partnership with the Legislature. Member Crockrell asked for clarification on the JLARC audit scope. Mr. Bowden said the audit was narrowly focused on Council performance with meeting legislative intent and its performance measures, adding that it could create an opportunity for the Council to advocate on

behalf of itself. Chair Medicine White Crow emphasized the need for the Council to continue to build its relationships with the Governor and Legislature.

Orlando Gonzalez, Family Health Centers, made suggestions for improved Council engagement with the grassroots community. Carol Meuret, Chelan-Douglas Health District, said we need to raise awareness of the Council in the community and create a pipeline for the Council to learn about community success stories. Nancy Warner, Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship, suggested sharing their success story template and stories with the Council. Member Johnson asked that we have a discussion at a future meeting about capturing and using community and agency success stories. Vice Chair Manning added that it would be great to share stories on our website and through our social media channels. Member Williamson suggested convening a meeting of agency Public Information Officers to identify strategies for collaborating to share messages related to equity and the work the Council and its member agencies are doing

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Harper, Community Member, introduced herself as a full-time student, mother, daughter, caregiver, and wife. She talked about her concerns with not being able to access dental services in the area because dentists do not accept Apple Health. She also shared concerns about the Department of Labor and Industries and workers not getting back to work in a reasonable time period. She talked about lack of accessibility of services for people with disabilities, including a lack of accessible hotel rooms and parking stalls. She suggested having the local farmers market meet in Lincoln Park on occasion in order to improve access to fruits and vegetables in the community.

7. REVIEW 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

Ms. Hoff said the September 14, 2016 meeting date needs to be moved to accommodate the JLARC preliminary review. She said she checked in with Council members and it appeared that September 15 would be a good day for most. She said the Race and Pedagogy Initiative at the University of Puget Sound offered to host a Council meeting and forum on September 15.

***Motion:** The Council approves the updated 2016 meeting schedule as presented on May 11, 2016.*

***Motion/Second:** Vazaskia Crockrell/Stephen Kutz. Approved unanimously.*

8. UPDATE-EQUITY IN STATE GOVERNMENT WORKGROUP

Ms. Hoff said the Equity in State Government workgroup created a survey about promoting equity and received more than 350 responses. Megan Block is currently working on compiling the responses to the open-ended questions. She said the workgroup wanted to leverage the momentum from the Governor's Race and Equity Summit by developing a recommendation for the Governor to create statewide policy. Ms. Hoff said the draft language has been shared with Council members and was up for discussion. Members discussed some of the language and whether to tone it down (e.g., change "should" to "may"). After discussion, the Council agreed to retain the language as presented. Ms. Hoff said she has engaged staff from the Governor's office and they are supportive of the language. She added that she agreed to share public comment and sample policy language with Governor's staff to aid in implementation.

***Motion:** The Council approves in concept the draft recommendation for the Governor to create statewide policy to promote equity in state government as submitted on May 11, 2016 and directs staff to incorporate changes from today's discussion as necessary for inclusion in the Council's June 2016 Update to the Legislature and Governor.*

***Motion/Second:** Vazaskia Crockrell/Frankie Manning. Approved unanimously.*

9. REVIEW JUNE 2016 UPDATE

Ms. Hoff reviewed the draft text of the June 2016 Update with the Council. The report highlights the Council's 10 year anniversary, activities and accomplishments, and the equity in state government recommendation. Council members suggested sending grammatical and other editorial edits to staff via email. There were no suggested changes to the text.

***Motion:** The Council approves in concept the draft text of the June 2016 Update as submitted on May 11, 2016, directs staff to incorporate changes from today's discussion as necessary, and authorizes the chair to approve the final report for submission to the Governor and Legislature.*

***Motion/Second:** Vazaskia Crockrell/Mona Johnson. Approved unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Medicine White Crow adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.