

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Glenn Baldwin, Co-Chair
Victor Chacón, Co-Chair
Edith Elion (phone)
Dorothy Flaherty
Sandra Gonzalez Graham (phone)
David Haack (phone)
Winona Hollins-Hauge (phone)

Carrie Huie-Pascua (phone)
Stephen Kutz (phone)
Diane Narasaki (phone)
Mario Paredes (phone)
Annabelle Payne (phone)
Tory Clarke Henderson
Christine Yuodelis-Flores (phone)

Guests:

Hank Balderrama, Committee Consultant

Staff:

Christy Hoff

Action Items:

- Christy will send committee members doodle polls to schedule out the remaining meetings.
- Christy will send committee members the links to the Miranda and Maguire articles.
- Committee members will review the Miranda and Maguire articles before the next meeting.
- Committee members will start thinking about what they believe the committee's scope should be.

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Victor Chacón and Glenn Baldwin welcomed the group and introduced themselves as committee co-chairs.
- Victor facilitated introductions –committee members introduced themselves and provided brief summaries of their background and expertise.
- Glenn and Victor reviewed the agenda and goals for the day's meeting.

2. Overview of the Health Disparities Council:

- Christy Hoff provided background on the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities, its responsibilities, and progress to date.

3. Discuss Charter and Work Processes:

- Victor facilitated a discussion of the Council's advisory committee charter. He highlighted committee roles and responsibilities, and guiding principles.
- Diane Narasaki asked for a definition of cultural competence. She said evidence-based practices are often normed on the majority population and not usually available for specific racial/ethnic communities. Mario Paredes added that evaluation work is very expensive so funding should be provided to communities to evaluate best practices for specific communities.

- Victor said the committee's charge is not just to create recommendations to submit to the Governor and Legislature but to also consider how any recommendations would be implemented.
- Winona Hollins-Hague and Steve Kutz said the Council wants to ensure recommendations are implemented. Winona highlighted the racial/ethnic commissions' work around the academic achievement gap and legislation that was passed a couple years ago as a successful example. Steve highlighted the importance of individual committee members acting as ambassadors for the action plan.
- Victor facilitated a discussion about work processes. Each of the Council's past committees has done its work differently. He asked for input on whether the group wanted to work informally or create formal processes for decision making, ground rules, etc.
- Edith Elion suggested the group work more informally and there was agreement among many members to do so.
- Glenn asked for input to facilitate communication from those participating by phone.
- Sandra Graham recommended that people introduce themselves before speaking. She also suggested that if the group has work outside the meetings, that it is made clear what those expectations are.
- Hank Balderrama suggested the group decide on processes for decision making.
- Dorothy Flaherty suggested that when we speak about cultural competency we should emphasize that there are many cultures and that any recommendations should benefit the diverse communities that we all serve and represent, not just specific communities.
- Diane asked if it was all right to have members of the public monitor meetings. Christy said that was all right and has been done in past committees.

4. Briefing on Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Activities:

- Glenn said this agenda item is meant to provide some context for the group's work by reviewing past and current disparities work led by DBHR and current and future plans for the Department of Social and Health Services and the Health Care Authority.
- Hank introduced himself. He shared information about DBHR's disparities work to date. Highlights from his presentation included:
 - Washington State was selected to send a diverse seven-member team to attend a summit in 2009 on eliminating mental health disparities. The outcome of that summit was a four-point plan to assess disparities, promote workforce capacity, establish systemic accountability, and establish a policy home for future work.
 - Following the summit, DBHR contracted with a facilitator (TriWest) to convene a workgroup and conduct additional research – 9 recommendations came out of this phase of work.
 - David Haack suggested that when we talk about disparities by sexual orientation, we also include gender identity.
- Glenn shared information about plans for Medicaid expansion, the Exchange, and the integration pilot project. Highlights included:
 - Under health reform many more people in Washington State should have mental health and chemical dependency benefits.

- Currently, many models for integrating and coordinating primary care and behavioral health services are being formed and tested.
- The State is beginning to find ways to fund health homes that are integrated with community and social/public health support services.
- By December 2012, the State will have an implementation plan that describes how behavioral health services will be purchased.

5. Future Meeting Logistics:

- Victor asked committee members about their preferences for future meeting locations, times, and other logistics.
- David, Edith, and Diane offered to host meetings.
- Committee members indicated a preference for rotating meetings between Olympia and Seattle. The group preferred for Seattle meetings to start earlier (noon-3 p.m.).

6. Meeting Summary and Wrap Up:

- Victor summarized some of the key decisions made in the meeting:
 - The group desires to work informally and will discuss decision-making as the need arises.
 - Members agreed to introduce themselves before speaking to assist those participating remotely.
 - Members agreed to not put the call on hold (to avoid music being played during the meeting).
 - If staff or the Co-Chairs ask members to complete any assignments, this information will be sent out in writing.
 - Members of the public may monitor meetings.
 - Future meetings will rotate between Olympia and Seattle.
 - Christy will send out polls to schedule out the remaining meetings.
- Victor said the primary goal for the next meeting is to continue the discussion about the scope of the committee's work and to identify any future data/information needs to assist the committee with their work.
- Glenn asked members to review the Miranda and Maguire articles prior to the next meeting.