

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Governmental Body: Governor's Health Equity Council Subcommittee: Investment in Targeted Programs for Under-Resourced Communities			Attending: Sandy Brekke, Vincent Lyles, Julie Mitchell, Lilliann Paine, Ellen Sexton, Elizabeth Valitchka State Staff and Guests: Sam Austin, Donna Wong
Date: 11/1/2021	Time Started: 6:00 p.m.	Time Ended: 7:00 p.m.	
Location: Zoom Video Conference			Presiding Officer: Sub-Committee Co-Chair Elizabeth Valitchka
<b>Minutes</b>			

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) PowerPoint Presentation on the Four Major Recommendations
- 3) Public Comment
  - a) Heidi Sheire, Richland Center
    - i) Thank you. You are doing a great job.
    - ii) Husband is having cancer treatment. We need to thank our health care workers.
  - b) Dr. Malika Siker, Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW)
    - i) MCW has a four point strategic plan to address inclusion and diversity. Recruitment, inclusion, pipeline to jobs, and destination school for health careers.
    - ii) Want to get students there and then make sure they feel included once they get there.
    - iii) We want to collaborate with your group.
    - iv) Julie question: Is this just for physicians?  
(1) Answer: No, all learners.
    - v) Lilliann question: What does success look like? Diversity looks different to different populations  
(1) Answer: We don't have a one size fits all metric.
  - c) Dr. Sandra Underwood
    - i) There are several mentoring programs already in place. Lots of initiatives in the past have been successful.
  - d) Dr. Russ Dunkel, DHS
    - i) Oral systemic link.
    - ii) Reduce medical dental silos.
    - iii) Using community dental health care coordinator positions to reduce dental ER visits and connect people with providers
  - e) Vincent Lyles, subcommittee member
    - i) We have CHWs at Advocate Aurora.
    - ii) Outcomes for the dental care coordinators seem similar to the CHWs. It would be good if the care coordinators (other names: CHWs, navigators, coaches) could navigate to the doctor or the dentist.
    - iii) Certification for CHWs may delay getting people into these positions.
  - f) Sandy Brekke, subcommittee member
    - i) I hear you on the CHWs. In Minnesota one concern is that the core class credits apply to other programs.
    - ii) There is a CHW curriculum at the technical colleges, but they have not rolled it out yet due to lack of interest

- iii) Dental coordination is vital to bridging the gap.
  - g) Dr. Sandra Underwood
    - i) CHW or similar positions have also been successful in the past. Cancer patient navigators are well developed, endorsed, integrated and reimbursed
    - ii) Many different types of CHWs now, but a lot of times there are no jobs for them after. Young people want to know if there are other trainings they can get later.
    - iii) There are schools that have associate degree programs for CHWs and then graduates go on get CNA degree and then later move on to more professional programs. So CHW is a pipeline.
  - h) Lilliann Paine, subcommittee member
    - i) Attended Health Careers Bridge Academy. Mentors, support, tools. Moved from CHW role to a different health care career.
- 4) Recording of this listening session: [GHEC Programs Subcommittee Public Input Session - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#)  
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- 5) Next Subcommittee Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 10 a.m.

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These minutes will be approved by the Governor's Health Equity Council subcommittee Investment in Targeted Programs for Under-Resourced Communities on: 11/9/2021