

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: DHS Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council			Attending: Elizabeth Branney-Gant, Sheri Carter, Tonya C Evans, Racheal Harris, Langeston Hughes, Assistant Deputy Secretary Sarah Valencia, Phung Nguyen, Edwin Nyakoe-Nyasani, Kym Parodo, Michelle Schroeder, Cory Smith, Shavana Talbert, Andrea Turtenwald, Laura Varriale, Jesse Wieglat, Donna Wong
Date: 9/14/2023	Time Started: 8:30am	Time Ended: 8:45am	
Location: Virtual (Zoom)			Presiding Officer: Tonya C Evans
Minutes			

Welcome, Agenda Overview, Tonya C. Evans <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome, thank you for coming.Agenda overview.	8:30 – 8:32 am
Approve Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">No corrections to minutes.Sheri Carter made a motion to approve the July minutes.Michelle Schroeder seconded.All in favor.	8:32 - 8:33 am
Office of Secretary Remarks, Assistant Deputy Secretary Sarah Valencia <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thank you for your commitment as we work to improve health outcomes.We develop partnerships, so thank you for your leadership and commitment.There will be shifts to the HEDI leadership.Thank you, Tonya! She has been both a Bureau Director and has led this Council. She has been instrumental in advancing health equity.We will continue this important work as we transfer leadership. Please nominate yourself if you are interested, but please check with your Division Administrator for approval as this will take additional time.We also want to check in with the current members to see if they want to continue to serve.Thank you.	8:33 - 8:38 am
HEDI Council Membership and Roles for 2024, Tonya C. Evans <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tonya Remarks<ul style="list-style-type: none">I am retiring September 19.Although this has been a large amount of work, it has been a labor of love.I have a long history with civil service work, but nothing has compared to this 2 or 3 years where I've done my greatest work working with all of you.I've had the opportunity to engage with a larger audience. I also appreciate Langeston for his service.I will be moving to another experience, and everything I've learned here will serve me in my new place. I will also be available if needed. I treasure all of these moments.Thank you.Langeston Remarks<ul style="list-style-type: none">I will be the Chair until January 1, 2024.I am stepping down to align the Chair terms with the E&I plan which takes effect January 1, 2024. The bylaws state that the Chair terms will align with the E&I plan.New Chairs would be elected at the October meeting and their terms would take effect January 1, 2024.Please send nominations to Langeston for Chair and Co-Chair.	8:38 - 8:44 am
Closing Remarks, Langeston Hughes	8:44 - 8:45 am

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you for joining. The next meeting is in October. | |
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Prepared by: Donna Wong on 9/14/23.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: October 12, 2023.