

# Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality

Health Subcommittee Meeting

*March 9, 2021*



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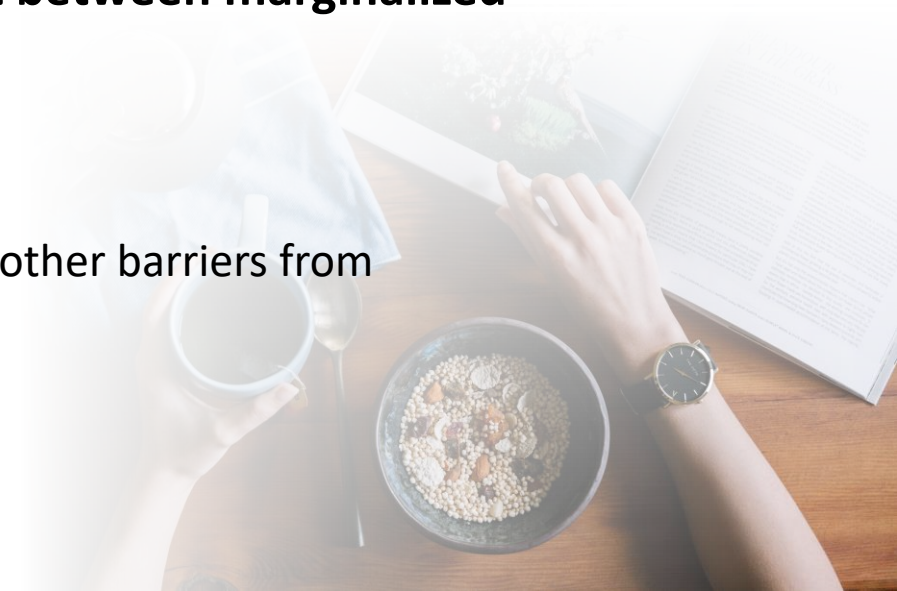
# Draft Initial Priorities for Health Subcommittee

## 1) Improving access to and education about healthcare services and wellbeing resources

- Access to healthcare services
  - Access to healthy, affordable food options
  - Education about proactive and preventative health and resources
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## 2) Addressing unequal distribution of information and building trust between marginalized communities and health institutions

- Identification of community partners for information-sharing
- Strategies for addressing historical mistrust, cultural differences, and other barriers from marginalized communities



# Health Survey

**Proposed Purpose:** 1) Understand the way these communities currently interact with healthcare and health institutions 2) Identify the barriers and challenges facing marginalized communities in accessing health and wellbeing care/services

**Proposed Target Audience:** Hispanic and African-American communities in South End, North Tamarind, Progressive North West

**Suggested Distribution Methods:** Email lists, tabling opportunities





# Proposed Survey Questions

## Relationship with Health Institutions

1. How far is your health provider from your residence?
2. How often do you see your general physician?
3. How comfortable are you asking for or accepting help from the healthcare services within WPB?
4. Do you feel comfortable and supported when you go to the doctor or hospital?

## Barriers to Healthcare & Wellbeing Services

1. What perceived or actual barriers impeded individuals from getting healthcare access or services?
2. Do you trust the healthcare system in the City of West Palm Beach?
3. Do you feel that there are barriers keeping you from getting access to all the healthcare options and/or health institutions that the City of West Palm Beach has to offer?
4. In your experience within the City of West Palm Beach, have you found it difficult to receive healthcare from individuals of your same race?
5. In your experience within the City of West Palm Beach, have you found it difficult to receive healthcare from individuals of your same gender?
6. Are you in need of medical care or treatment, but don't have the money to pay for it?
7. Do you or have you experienced substandard medical treatment that you feel is due to racial or ethnic bias?

## Access to Healthy Food

1. Do you have difficulty getting to a grocery store?
2. Does your food assistance/benefits/etc. run out before the end of the month?
3. Do you currently participate in programs that offer food assistance?
4. Do you feel you have a healthy diet?
5. How many times per week do you go without a meal?
6. Do you wonder where your next meal will come from?
7. Are interested in programs that promote healthy food choices and exercise?

## Access to Information

1. Do you have access to the internet?
2. If you had easy access to information to improve your health, would you access it?
3. Are you confused about the types of insurance programs that are available to you and how to tap into them?

## Additional Questions

1. If the City were to create some programs that would make a big difference in your and your family's health, what things would you want to learn or get from the programs?
2. Do you or your family members have access to healthy food, clean water and safe housing?
3. How often do you exercise?
4. If you could talk to Mayor James about healthcare in West Palm Beach, what would you say to him?

# Potential Partners for Survey Distribution

1. **YWCA of Palm Beach County** - The center is located in northern WPB
2. **Craig Glover with RISE** - Works in the northern WPB communities (e.g. providing meals for the communities)
3. **Uwe Naujak** (Resources Coordinator) with Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County - Working towards ending homelessness by providing monetary assistance and education to adults and families in need
4. **Ricky Aiken with Inner City Innovators** – works with at-risk black youth within the WPB communities
5. **Kelly Shoaf - Commissioner** in District 1 near St. Mary's Hospital
6. **Christy Fox - Commissioner** in District 3 near Good Samaritan Hospital
7. **Pastor Kevin Jones** with Historic Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church - Deeply connected within the community of WPB.
8. **Jamie Walker - Division Chief** of EMS for West Palm Beach Fire Department

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