

HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
3:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Tiffany David, of the City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. George Soria and Gopal Rajegowda, co-chairs of the Health Subcommittee of the Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality, welcomed all Subcommittee members to the meeting. Tiffany took attendance of participants for the meeting record. Kayla Elson, of Justice & Sustainability Associates, reviewed the meeting agenda.

November Co-Chair Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

Kayla Elson presented the results of the meeting date survey. The subcommittee members decided to convene a subcommittee meeting every first Tuesday of the month from 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

Racial & Ethnic Equality Action Summit

Kayla Elson presented the outcomes of the Racial & Ethnic Equality Action Summit. Participants discussed the implications of the Action Summit on the scope of the subcommittee. A key implication was that the top health priority areas determined from the Action Summit were access to healthcare services, to healthy and affordable food options, and to health-related financial resources.

Discussion

Subcommittee members discussed initial priority areas for the subcommittee to address. Participants discussed the need to identify key pillars of the subcommittee, such as access to health and wellbeing services, education, trust-building in communities, and preventative and proactive care. The subcommittee also recognized the importance of an approach that is locally driven, historically informed, and culturally relevant. Additionally, participants determined data and information that would benefit the ongoing work of the subcommittee.



Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm by Tiffany David. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:30pm on Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

George Soria, Subcommittee Co-Chair
Gopal Rajegowda, Subcommittee Co-Chair

Jennifer Jean Bell, Subcommittee Member
Devin Pierce, Subcommittee Member
Mary Ligon, Subcommittee Member
Naomi Ruth Cobb, Subcommittee Member

Tiffany David, City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office
Kayla Elson, Justice & Sustainability Associates

Absent:

Jerry Deng, Subcommittee Member