



Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality

HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, March 9, 2021 5:30pm Zoom Meeting

Call to Order & Attendance Quorum

George Soria, subcommittee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm. Tiffany David of the City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office took attendance of participants for the meeting record. Tiffany David then asked Jerry Deng, subcommittee member, to introduce himself. Kayla Elson, of Justice and Sustainability Associates, reviewed the meeting agenda and pulled up the February meeting minutes.

February Meeting Minutes

No comments were made about the February meeting minutes; the minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Assessing the Initial Priorities

Subcommittee members discussed more in depth about the initial priorities, which includes improving access to and education about healthcare services and wellbeing resources; and addressing unequal distribution of information and building trust between marginalized communities and health institutions. The corona virus vaccine distribution plan was briefly discussed in relation the priorities, and how it ties into the upcoming survey.

Discussion: Community Survey Questions & Target Audience

Subcommittee members discussed strategies to engage with the public about the upcoming survey. Suggestions included tabling, hanging up flyers, and giving surveys to Homeowners Associations for them to distribute to their members. Churches and community organizations were also suggested, because they are accessible, trustworthy, and well known. Current challenges include the covid-19 virus, the lack of communication/internet access, and transportation issues (to tabling areas for example).

Members then shifted focus to discuss which questions should be included in the survey. The topics include questions around primary caregivers, transportation, health food/access, where one goes to seek medical attention if they're ill, and potentially a question about biases and barriers individuals might have faced. Subcommittee members will also help with survey distribution efforts.



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June 12th Action Summit

Kayla Elson described the goals for the upcoming Action Summit and subcommittee expectations. Each subcommittee will provide content for what they've learned/achieved so far. Subcommittee members will also ask the community what they would like to inform the subcommittee members on for the next subcommittee meeting, and what to present at the next Action Summit.

Next Steps

Kayla Elson and Tiffany David will finalize the survey questions and recirculate to the co-chairs first then the subcommittee members for approval by Monday March 15 the latest. A distribution list will be created for subcommittee members to add to. Kayla and Tiffany will further discuss with subcommittee co-chairs to figure out logistically a plan to get the survey out.

It was also agreed upon by subcommittee members that the survey be finalized and distributed prior to the next subcommittee meeting. Communication via email will be the way to approve make additional comments about the survey and approve it.

Adjourn

Gopal Rajegowda, subcommittee co-chair is excited to send out the survey and get results. George Soria called the meeting to close at 6:57pm. The next subcommittee meeting will be Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 5:30 – 7 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

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

Jennifer Jean Bell, Subcommittee Member
Jerry Deng, Subcommittee Member
Mary Ligon, Subcommittee Member

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

Absent:

Naomi Ruth Cobb, Subcommittee Member
Devin Pierce, Subcommittee Member