

Community Equity Advisory Board

May 14, 2024
Noon - 1:00 pm
Zoom meeting

Attendees: John Agyapong, DanVon'ique Bletson-Reed, Kurtis Enick, Van Kuno, Clarence Shaw, Lika Smith, Giselle Zapata-Garcia

Absent: Taniela Tokailagi, Mindy Woods

Department Staff: Dennis Worsham, Nicole Thomsen, Helen Wong, Kelly Grimsley

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Helen Wong at 12:05. The meeting was held via Zoom video conference. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Clarence Shaw and seconded by John Agyapong to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Update

Dennis Worsham updated the group on the big picture of public health right now. We became part of the county government about a year and a half ago. Last year was about the integration and updating all the things we needed to do to become a department. This year has been the assessment of where we're at and redefining who we are as a health department. Currently, we're working with consultants in the assessment phase and deciding areas we want to grow and strengthen as a public health system. As this process moves forward, we will be bringing updates to the CEAB group. We are more focused on equity than in the past and Helen Wong's position is a product of this. We want to lead public health in the county government by driving our practices from a place of equity. This year will be about assessments and establishing where we're going, next year will be about implementing the strategic and equity plan as part of the department. One of the main focuses we'll be addressing is preventable diseases like measles that can have a negative impact on families and kids. Children and pregnant women are falling behind in our vaccines rates.

Mobile Vaccine Updates

Dennis Worsham informed the group that there isn't a current timeline for the vaccine van since it's taking longer than anticipated to find one. Once we purchase a van it will need to be outfitted or updated. We're hoping we'll have a van ready mobilized by the end of the year or beginning of next year we.

New CEAB Membership Applicant Meet & Greet

Dr. Rabi Yunusa joined the meeting at approximately 12:45. Helen Wong introduced Dr. Yunusa and referred the group to the forwarded doctor's information packet. Each member introduced themselves and explained a little of their background. Dr. Yunusa is an assistant teaching professor at the UW Global Health and Health Systems. She's lived in the region for 10 years. She partners with several communities and different initiatives. Currently she's working with her students on a community health

assessment for Choose 180, a nonprofit in Burien, WA. Choose 180 are partnering with the prosecuting attorney's office in King County. Helen Wong announced that Dr. Yunusa was recently recognized for all her hard work with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award. Members asked questions and Dr. Yunusa shared her past experiences.

Equity/ETILT Retreat

Helen Wong asked the group to save June 21st for a CEAB/ETILT retreat. This will be an opportunity for members to ask questions and discuss input on the strategic plan. The day will be facilitated and include breakfast, lunch, and recognitions. More information will be sent soon.

Next Meeting

June 11, 2024, 12:00 - 1:30PM via Zoom