DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH

AAHSAC Meeting Minutes: September 3, 2026

MINUTES PREPARED BY: OAAH
LOCATION: VIRTUAL

Attendance

- Blaire Rodenbiker, MDH
- Chris Smith, AAHSAC
- Deebaa Sirdar, MDH
- Demitrea Kelley, AAHSAC
- Frederick O Bw'Ombongi, AAHSAC
- Gage Urvina, AAHSAC
- Heather Rippel, MDH
- Iman Ibrahim, AAHSAC
- Imee Cambronero, MDH
- Inih Essien, AAHSAC
- Jamie Hackett, AAHSAC
- Lola Muhammed, AAHSAC
- Matthew Arries, AAHSAC
- Pamela Russell-Warder, AAHSAC
- Seena Hodges, MDH facilitator
- Stephanie Trusten, MDH

Decisions made

- August meeting minutes approved

Action items

- Council liaison will work on finding a new date and time for New Council member orientation
- Council liaison will send Joint Council Event save the date to Council Members
- Council liaison will send Office of African American Health Division Director job posting to Council Members

- Council liaison will help get everyone access to SharePoint
- Council liaison will connect the OAAH Policy and System Manager with the Policy and Legislative Advocacy subcommittee.

Agenda

- 2:00pm – Opening: Check-in and Approval of July Meeting Minutes
- 2:10pm – OAAH Office Updates
- 2:15pm – Co-Chair Updates
- 2:25pm – Health Equity Bureau Joint Council Event
- 2:35pm – Break
- 2:40 pm – Sub-Committee Breakouts/Discussion
- 3:15pm – Sub-Committee Report Outs
- 3:45pm – Closing, Questions, & Next Steps

Next meeting

Date: October 7, 2026

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Teams

Agenda items: To be announced

Meeting notes

The Council received an introduction from the MN Department of Health Chief of Staff, Interim Assistant Commissioner Imee Cambronero and Office of African American Health Interim Division Director Blaire Rodenbiker. Council was updated on the Health Equity Bureau Joint Council Event that is set to occur October 27th. Sub-committees had discussions in breakout rooms that the Division Director and the Council Liaison rotated throughout.

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