DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH

AAHSAC Meeting Minutes: October 7, 2026

MINUTES PREPARED BY: OAAH
LOCATION: VIRTUAL

Attendance

- Abeye Cherinet, MDH
- Amanda Pavan, MDH
- Blaire Rodenbiker, MDH
- Carol Houston, AAHSAC
- Chris Smith, AAHSAC
- Deebaa Sirdar, MDH
- Demitrea Kelley, AAHSAC
- Emily Morrison, MDH
- Endurance Ehimen Eichie, MDH
- Gage Urvina, AAHSAC
- Heather Rippel, MDH
- Holly Winslow, MDH
- Iman Ibrahim, AAHSAC
- Inih Essien, AAHSAC
- Joel Boyd, AAHSAC
- Lola Muhammed, AAHSAC
- Matthew Arries, AAHSAC
- Pamela Russell-Warder, AAHSAC
- Seena Hodges, MDH facilitator
- Stephanie Trusten, MDH
- Tory Kaye, MDH

Decisions made

- September meeting minutes approved

Action items

- Council to register for the October 27th Joint Council Event
- Council members to connect with the Newborn Screening team
- Co-Chairs to follow up with Blaire for JCE

Agenda

- 2:00pm – Opening: Welcome and Ice Break Question
- 2:10pm – Approval of September Minutes
- 2:15pm – OAAH Office Updates/Co-Chair Updates
- 2:45pm – Break
- 2:50 pm – Guest Presenter: Tory Kaye, MDH Newborn Screening Program
- 3:30pm – MDH Joint Council Event Working Sessions
- 3:55pm – Closing

Next meeting

Date: November 7, 2026

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Location: Teams

Agenda items: To be announced

Meeting notes

Standard meeting opening through ice breaker, meeting minutes and update. OAAH Policy and Legislative Updates by Deebaa Sirdar. The Council received a presentation from the MN Department of Health Newborn Screening Program with a question, suggestion and answer discussion. Joint Council Event (JCE) working sessions with Blaire Rodenbiker and Seena Hodges for the upcoming JCE, October 2026.

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