

Agenda: Equitable Health Care Task Force

Date: 04/25/2024

Opening and welcome, 1:00 – 1:10 p.m.

Overview of meeting agenda and objectives.

Commissioner welcome, 1:10 – 1:20 p.m.

Welcome from Minnesota Commissioner of Health, Dr. Brooke Cunningham.

Workgroup presentations and discussion, 1:20 – 3:00 p.m.

Workgroups will present their emerging priorities, and information and engagement needs, and obtain feedback from the task force.

Break, 3:00 – 3:10 p.m.

Other relevant work, 3:10 – 3:40 p.m.

Overview of the Minnesota Department of Human Services' health care equity work.

Public comment, 3:40 – 3:50 p.m.

We will review public comments received in-between meetings.

Closing, action items, and preview of June meeting 3:50 – 4:00 p.m.

We will review our accomplishments and share upcoming next steps.

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Equitable Health Care Task Force Meeting #4

April 25, 2024



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Opening and Welcome

Thank you
for diving in!

- Workgroup conversations and initial planning work
- Pre- and post-meeting surveys
- Reading materials and preparing for meetings
- Your commitment to advance equitable health care

1. Task force hears workgroups' plans and provides feedback for moving forward
2. Learn about some aspects of the Department of Human Services' (DHS) health care equity work

Today's agenda

- 1:00 – 1:10 p.m. Opening and welcome
- 1:10 – 1:20 p.m. Commissioner welcome
- 1:20 – 3:00 p.m. Emerging workgroup priorities and discussion
- 3:00 – 3:10 p.m. Break
- 3:10 – 3:40 p.m. Relevant work at Department of Human Services (DHS)
- 3:40 – 3:50 p.m. Public comment
- 3:50 – 4:00 p.m. Closing and action items

Grounding: Task force charge

The task force will:

- **Identify inequities** experienced by Minnesotans in interacting with the health care system that originate from or can be attributed to their race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, age and/or disability status.
- **Conduct community engagement** across multiple systems, sectors, and communities to identify barriers for these population groups that result in diminished standards of care and foregone care.
- **Identify promising practices** to improve experience of care and health outcomes for individuals in these population groups.
- **Make recommendations** for changes in health care system practices or health insurance regulations that would address identified issues.

Milestone overview

Phase 1: January – April 2024

Project grounding and design

- Discern vision, priorities, objectives, and scope
- Design information collection plan—community and public engagement, expert panels, literature review and environmental scan

Phase 2: May 2024 – March 2025

Information collection, learning, and deliberation

- Implement information collection plan
- Launch subcommittees and work groups
- Synthesize learning—exploration towards recommendations

Phase 3: April – June 2025

Culmination and close-out

- Develop proposed recommendations and invite public comment
- Finalize recommendations
- Summarize task force's work and recommendations in a report

Summary of March meeting

High level summary of notes

- What clarification questions do you have about this summary, if any?
- What concerns do you have about this summary, if any?



DRAFT: Equitable Health Care Task Force Meeting Summary

Meeting information

- March 28, 2024, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Meeting format: WebEx
- MDH LiveStreamChannel

Members in attendance

Elizete Diaz, Elijah Juan (Eli) Dotts, Mary Engles, Marc Gorelick, Bukata Hayes, Joy Marsh, Maria Medina, Mumtaz (Taj) Mustapha, Cybill Oragwu, Miamon Queeglay, Nneka Sederstrom, Megan Chao Smith, Sonny Wasilowski, Erin Westfall, Tyler Winkelman, Yeng M. Yang

Key meeting outcomes

- The task force came to general consensus around how to review/discuss a recent publication about strategies to address racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care.
- The task force determined that a small group (four volunteers) will finalize the vision statement and definition of health care equity.
- Four small groups, each assigned to four key health care issues, began to identify "Starting places" for their ongoing workgroup.
- The small groups identified which outside voices are needed in the process toward developing recommendations within each key health care issue.

Key actions moving forward

- Four task force members will meet separately to discuss changes needed to finalize the task force vision statement and definition of health care equity.
- Each of the four workgroups will meet or otherwise collaborate to develop a vision for the group, as well as identify objectives and a draft engagement plan.
- MDH will collaborate with DeYoung Consulting Services to update the draft charter to include a project purpose statement, objectives, scope, methodology, timeline, and milestones; parameters for external engagement and an environmental scan/literature review will be further informed by the workgroups.

Welcome from Commissioner Cunningham



Brooke Cunningham, MD, PhD
Minnesota Commissioner of Health

Foundational Groundwork

DRAFT Vision, Definition, Charter

In March, you reviewed a revised definition of “health care equity” and a vision statement. A separate meeting will be held to make additional changes based on task force feedback.

A draft of the task force charter was included in your meeting materials. Please feel free to review on your own, understanding that your insight from today’s meeting will inform the finalization of this guiding document.



Workgroup Conversations and Share-Out

Discussion objectives

Today each workgroup will share their vision statements and initial workplans. Please take only about 5 minutes to share, leaving 15 minutes for discussion.

The objectives of this share-out are to:

- 1) Obtain feedback from task force for workgroups to add detail to their workplans
- 2) Obtain feedback from task force to begin planning an overall environmental scan and engagement efforts

Rapid fire discussion questions

- Is there anything you'd like clarified?
- Hearing about the vision and emerging priorities, what is important to include that you don't see represented already?
- What areas of overlap do you anticipate with other focus areas?
- What other reactions or input do you have with respect to these emerging priorities, and information and engagement needs?

Workgroup breakout

MDH LiveStream Channel viewers: Please note our audio is muted during small group discussions. Audio will resume for the large group report-out.

Break



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DHS Health Care Equity Work

DHS Assistant Commissioner John Connolly



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**Minnesota Commissioner for the Health Care
Administration, Department of Human Services (DHS)**



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Meeting Close

Closing and action items

Next steps

- ❑ Workgroups will further flesh out their workplans
- ❑ Project team will draft proposals for the environmental scan and engagement
- ❑ Next meeting is June 26, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (TBD virtual or in-person)
- ❑ After today, watch for:
 - Post-meeting evaluation and other follow up items
 - Meeting summary

Thank You!

See you June 26, 2024!