

Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council (CECLC) Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2014 from 11:30 until 2:00, Wilder Foundation
<http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/CulturalEthnicLeadershipCouncil>

Members Present: Pam Cosby, Yende Andersen (for Edward McDonald), Mitchell Davis Jr., Sarita Ennis, Hector Garcia, Dave Haley, Kamaludin Hassan, Sia Her, Ann Hill, Rev. Janet Johnson, Pa Lor, Elyse Ruiz (for Hector Garcia), Hassan Samantar, Saciido Shaie, Lisa Wagor (for Vayong Moua), La Juana Whitmore, Pahoua Yang, Anna Hill

Members Absent: Titilayo Bediako, Jose Gonzalez, LaRone Greer, Paula Haywood, Anna Mazig, Nathan Moracco, Kamala Puram, Maria Sarabia, Rep. Jim Abeler, Rep. Tom Huntley, Rep. Tina Liebling, Rep. Tara Mack, Sen. Michelle Benson, Sen. Tony Lourey, Sen. Julie Rosen, Sen. Kathy Sheran

DHS Staff: Antonia Wilcoxon, Mee Cheng, Denise Flock, Brian Ambuel

Guest presenters: Elizabeth Roe (DHS), Allison Tourdot (DHS)

Guests: Brian Balk (DHS), Matt Schafer (American Cancer Society)

1. Welcome

- a. Dave Haley commented on his making connections with 4 different councils – how we could support them during legislative session.
- b. Pa Lor commented she has been sharing information and networking with her supervisor.
- c. Pam Cosby commented she and Antonia met with Deputy Commissioner Chuck Johnson and it went very well. Covered success and progresses. He was pleased with the work the council has done thus far.
 - i. Made comment regarding missing someone from the Native American Community on the council.
- d. Kamaludin Hassan commented on new assignment he has taken on; communicating with Somali Child Care Centers. He has shared proposals with them. They are not familiar with how things work, they do not know how to voice their opinions.
 - i. Can they come here to voice concerns?
 - ii. Antonia commented – outside communities are welcome to join the monthly council meetings and voice opinions/concerns during the public comment section of the agenda.
- e. Discussion around attendance. Pam Cosby will be making calls to everyone to reiterate the importance of the council and attendance at monthly meetings.
 - i. We have a great opportunity through this council, you want to participate!
 - ii. Council is serious in its work and goals. We have an opportunity to talk about equity committee at legislative level. Commissioner comes to meetings.
 - iii. We need 13 in attendance (51%) to have a Quorum.

- iv. Cannot approve minutes and/or agendas without a Quorum.
 - v. Minutes and agendas are important as they get posted on the DHS Public Website for the public to see and understand the work of the council.
- 2. Review June 20, 2014 Minutes
 - a. La Juana Whitmore made a motion for the June minutes to be approved. Dave Haley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Review of July 18, 2014 Agenda
 - a. Rev. Janet Johnson motioned for agenda to be approved. Sia Her seconded and the motion passed
- 4. Review May 16, 2014 Agenda
 - a. This review did not take place – possibly skipped.
- 5. Review May 16, 2014 Minutes
 - a. Pahoua Yang requested change to minutes
 - i. Strike Pahoua Yang comments regarding trip to Washington.
 - ii. Replace with “Asian Pacific Islander (API) Mental Health from a National Perspective”.
 - b. La Juana Whitmore motion for approval of May 16, 2014 with change. Pahoua Yang seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- 6. Elizabeth Roe – MN Statutes 119B.09 Subd. 9a – Child Care Assistance Program
 - a. Handouts attached
 - b. Elizabeth gave presentation of new law and sought guidance from Council to help her how to implement this new law; and recommendations on how to do outreach in communities that DHS does not traditionally do outreach to.
 - c. Would like to come back this winter to discuss Friends, Family and Neighbor care and how this law will affect Child Care Centers. Ann Hill, board member of Think Small, commented that Think Small is already working with Mariam Mohamed on developing a plan to work with Somali-specific centers to come into compliance with the new law. In addition, Think Small is working on Friend, Family and Neighbor Care that may be indirectly impacted by new law.
 - d. Group discussed ways to reach out to providers in the community. There are existing initiatives in the community already to help bring families into compliance, such as an initiative at Think Small. Discussion ended with agreement that all partners involved in this new law should work together to resolve this issue before payments stop in January 2015. Dave Haley suggested council keep track of demographics of who get the notices of possible non-compliance with new Child Care Assistance policy and those who are impacted by new law.
- 7. Review Council Recommendations: Brian Ambuel – Discussed how he received the work from the councils and organized it.
 - a. Some used template, some did not. He plugged the work into the template to keep it consistent to DHS.
 - i. Research and Evaluation Committee: Good job with the template
 - ii. Awareness: Looks good. No changes.

- iii. Leadership: Dave will work with Brian to add 4th recommendation; administrative & legislative components to equity analysis
 - iv. Community Health and Health Systems: Pahoua Yang has some things to add with Brian. Some language within document will need to be changed. Recommendation topics remain the same. Would like to add more to the recommendations. Include undocumented status into reducing disparities.
 - v. Cultural and Linguistic: Hassan Samantar will send Brian documentation.
 - vi. Requested: Anything sent should go to both Brian Ambuel and Mee Cheng.
8. Community Relations Update
- Antonia Wilcoxon gave an update regarding the following items:
- i. Minnesota Council of Health Plans
 - ii. Culture, Families and Learning's Community Dinner and Truth Telling
 - iii. Tribal Government/State Government Relations training for state employees
 - iv. Minnesota Department of Health
 - v. Office of the Secretary of State
 - vi. July 9, 2014
 - vii. Equity Stewardship Work Group
 - viii. Organizational Equity Assessment
 - ix. Dr. Myers and Policy Fellowship Update
 - x. Conference Series on Immigrant Mental Health
 - xi. Convening on Race Equity (August 5-6, 2014)
9. Open Forum
10. Public Comment
- a. No public comments from guests
 - b. Critical issues missing from subcommittee recommendations
 - i. Pam suggested we revisit council's original documentation when first started meeting as a council and the objectives.
 - ii. How are we going to address those subjects not being addressed from original legislative, and or/report from the consultants?
 - iii. Review initial report and subcommittee recommendations
 - iv. Review report from consultants
 - v. Take time between meetings to look at initial consultant report (which was included in the legislative report) to bring back to council. One member from each subcommittee will meet to examine the report done by consultant and recommendations to make sure there issues from consultant survey that should go into the reports. Bring questions as far as you think is missing.
 - 1. Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2014 from 4-5:30pm at Wilder Foundation (Room 2620).
 - a. La Juana Whitmore (Research & Evaluation)
 - b. Dave Haley (Leadership)
 - c. Kamaludin Hassan (Community/Health Experience)
 - d. Pa Lor (Awareness)

- e. Yende Anderson (Cultural/Linguistic Competency)
- f. Pam Cosby

- c. August 25, 2014– need additional recommendations.
 - o First due date for all policy and budget preliminary proposal.
- d. Kamaludin Hassan made a motion for Child Care Assistance Program law to be repealed, Mitchell Davis, Jr. seconded,
 - o There is a group already formed working on the Child Care issue.(Ann Hill’s comment)
 - o Shall we put together a problem statement and recommendation
 - Who wants to be involved? Please email Antonia
- e. Fiscal note impact.
 - o DHS will give Antonia template.
 - o She will need input
- f. This council can submit proposals separate from DHS
- g. This council and its members can write letters
- h. This council and its members can go and testify at committee hearings
- i. Any opportunity to meet and see what bills State Councils have on the table? Reserve time at next meeting for what might be proposed.
 - o We can revisit possibly in September to see what bills State Councils have on the table. Or check back in August to see if State Councils are ready.

11. Adjourn

- a. Dave Haley moved to adjourn and Yende Anderson seconded, and the motion passed.**
- b. Meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.**