

Minutes

Eastern Regional Health Alliance Meeting



Wednesday, July 10, 2013
11:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Conference Call

Attendance: Gwen Belton, Rosetta Keeton, Sheila Leander, Linda Mackey, Regina Sullivan, Joseph Palm, Idalia McNulty, Nivedita Sundararajan, and Valerie Butler

Welcome/Introductions

Joseph Palm welcomed everyone to the call. Candace Da Silva, Chairperson, received a great opportunity which has taken her out of State and will not be on the call. Mr. Palm thanked Ms. Da Silva for her service.

OMH Updates

- The legislature has convened a committee on how Missouri can expand Medicaid and come up with an agreement. Sen. Jamilah Nasheed was placed on the committee. Rep. Karla Mays is hosting meetings in the St. Louis area.
- The Missouri Legislative Black Caucus Foundation is hosting an annual conference in St. Louis this week, July 11-12, 2013 at the Renaissance Hotel. Sen. Kiki Curls is forming a Health Forum and one of the panelists is Dr. Delores Gunn. The program will be sent to the membership.
- OMH has hired two staff, Idalia McNulty (Health Program Representative III) and Nivedita Sundararajan (Project Specialist). Idalia will work specifically with the Hispanic population, and Nivedita will focus on evidence based
- Missouri Health Equity Reports on African American, Hispanic and LGBT are available through the Missouri Foundation for Health. Data for the reports were provided by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). The African American and Hispanic report can also be found on the OMH webpage (www.health.mo.gov, click on Minority Health, and then click on Publications).

Possible Partnership with Missouri Health Equity Council - University of Missouri Center for Health Policy

OMH will be meeting with the Health Equity Council and MU Center for Health Policy on how the organizations can collaborate together. The DHSS Offices of Primary Care and Rural Health, and Women's Health will also participate.

Event Update:

- *Healthy Brain Conference* –OMH partnered with the Alzheimer's Association and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The conference took place on April 20, 2013 and was well attended with good speakers and informative exhibits.

- *Older Americans Month* – OMH helped sponsor Bringing It Together with Ms. Ollie Mae Stewart. The event was successful with approximately 800 seniors in attendance. Local and State officials also attended. There was a 101 year old lady that was dancing. She has never had a health issue in her life. Her secret is daily exercise.
- *African Arts Festival* – OMH sponsored the Health Village which offered more physical activities and presentations. Mr. Palm helped put on a boxing presentation with a teenage boxer and her coach. The teenager just won a Bronze medal at the Junior Olympics. OMH was also instrumental in getting Metro to stop at the event at a cost of \$1.00.

Lincoln University Senior Lay Leaders

A new contract has been signed with Lincoln University – Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health and Aging. One of the required deliverables is to have 15 Senior Lay Leaders in every area of Missouri. The contract also includes hosting MIMA (Missouri Institute on Minority Aging) which provide seniors with information and interact on issues seniors face. This will be the third year applicants can be nominated as King and Queen. There are criteria that applicants must meet. The crowned King and Queen will participate in Lincoln University’s Homecoming and will become one of the Senior Lay Leaders. The Regional Alliance Chairs will attend MIMA next year.

Seniors interested in participating in the Center’s activities, please contact Patrice Dollar at 314-867-4915 or email to DollarP@LincolnU.edu.

Selection of New Chairperson

Being Chairperson has become easier. This person would have to stay abreast of issues and pertinent topics for the meeting agenda, and attend MIMA. If you have a recommendation/nomination or you would like to be the Eastern Alliance Chair, please contact Valerie Butler at 573-751-6064 or email to Valerie.Butler@health.mo.gov.

Announcements

- Is hosting a Swim Party on July 12th, 7:15 – 9:15 p.m. at the Maryland Heights Aqua Pool, 2344 McKelvy. This event is open to the public and free.
- Linda Mackey teaches an Abstinence Education Program – Pause for the Cause for ages 10 - 17. She has time for one more class before July 30th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Special notes:	Next meeting: October 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
	Call-in Number: 866-630-9356