

Date of Conference Call: October 21, 2010, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Attendees

Walter W. Williams, DFO (Departing)	Phillip Bowman	John Seffin
Nisha Botchwey, Chair	Jason Schneider	Fleda Jackson
Adewale Troutman, Co-Chair	James Rimmer	Eduardo Sanchez
Bobbi Ryder	Theresa Potts, Note Taker	

<u>CDC Attendees:</u>
Cheri Rice
Janet Collins, Interim DFO
Ben Truman
<u>Public Attendees:</u>
Dave Baldrige, National Institute of Public Colleges and Information
Sarah Pear, Westcare Foundation
Sylvia Hall, National Institute of Public Health
<u>Other Attendees:</u>
Marguerite Ro
Linda Blount
Astrid Jimenez, NHMA

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was opened up with a welcome by Dr. Walter W. Williams, outgoing Designated Federal Official (DFO).
- Only certified members of ACD/HDS were eligible to participate in the teleconference. Members of the general public were given an opportunity for comments at the end of the teleconference.
- Dr. Nisha Botchwey facilitated the conference call and conducted an official roll call to ensure a quorum was reached. There were nine members participating, so a quorum was confirmed.
- The members of ACD/HDS were asked to declare whether they had any conflicts of interest before the start of the discussion. No conflicts were noted.



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ACD Health Disparities Subcommittee 2010 Action Agenda – Discussion

Strategy Brief on Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health

- Dr. Williams provided background information: At the meeting of March 30, 2009, the Subcommittee identified its primary work elements for this cycle. Examining CDC's possible role in advancing work on social determinants of health and health equity in a strategy brief was targeted. A workgroup was established to lead this effort, consisting of Ms. Linda Blount, and Drs. Phillip Bowman, Adewale Troutman, and Nisha Botchwey.
- The Strategy Brief Workgroup held meetings over several months, conducted and prepared annotated literature reviews, and developed and circulated a draft outline for the strategy brief. The outline identifies important social and other health determinants, the impact of these determinants on selected outcomes, and strategies and actions within CDC's strategic priorities and directions that can increase CDC's impact.
- The draft outline was discussed by the Subcommittee: Dr. Jason Schneider suggested in section 2.1.1.4, to add the word "sexual" in front of orientation; also to add in section 2.2.2.6, "substance abuse." These changes were accepted.
- After discussion of section 2.2.3.3 on "Geography," and "'Neighborhood racial segregation," Dr. Troutman recommended restructuring this section to identify "Residential segregation" as the first sub-header under "Geography" and "Racial" and "Economic" as key subsets under "Residential segregation." These changes were accepted. No other modifications to the outline were recommended.
- The Strategy Brief Workgroup, with technical assistance from the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (proposed), will work on development of the strategy brief targeting Spring 2011 to circulate a draft for Subcommittee comment. After concurrence by the Subcommittee, the strategy brief will be presented to the parent committee for consideration.
- Collaboration with the CDC Health Equity Workgroup: Dr. Walter W. Williams gave an overview of the Subcommittee's collaboration with the CDC Health Equity Workgroup (HEWG) to develop a guidance tool for making health equity an operational focus for CDC programs.
- CDC's HEWG developed a working definition for "health equity" which included deconstructing each concept in the theoretical definition into specific measurable variables, and developing an example of how the approach can be applied to specific health issues. During the conduct of this work, the HEWG supported efforts at HHS to develop an HHS definition for health equity. The HHS definition has been adopted by CDC, and can be found at www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov.
- The HEWG then begin to critically examine national and international work to address health equity and is now examining ways to operationalize the WHO Social Determinants of Health Framework, described in the report of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health entitled, "Closing the Gap in a Generation" (http://www.who.int/social_determinants/final_report/en/index.html).



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- The approach will use theoretical case studies to evaluate an outcome, and pose pertinent questions to determine the issues connected to the outcome.
- The guidance may also include practical appendices that describe procedures for assessing health disparities and resource inequities as a basis for program planning and identifying specific interventions. The HEWG welcomes input from ACD/HDS members on further development of this tool. Contact Marilyn Metzler at mom7@cdc.gov.

CDC Director's Annual Health Disparity Report – Update

- Dr. Walter W. Williams provided background on the first annual CDC Health Disparities and Inequalities report, which was announced by Dr. Tom Frieden, CDC Director, on February 17, 2010, and is expected to be published in December 2010 as an MMWR Supplement. The primary target audiences include practitioners in public health, academia and clinical medicine, the media, policymakers, program managers, general public, and researchers.
- There are 23 problem areas covered in the report, which were selected on the basis of certain criteria, such as impact on premature death, disparities in health outcomes, the existence of effective and feasible interventions, and availability of high-quality national-level data. Subject-matter experts used the most recent data available to describe disparity measures by sex, race/ethnicity, income or education, geography, and disability status.
- The report will support the HHS National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities and the National Prevention Strategy, both of which are expected to launch nationally in November or December. HDS members were asked to review the Draft National Prevention Strategy Framework and provide comments to Dr. Janet Collins at jlcl@cdc.gov or provide comments on line at www.healthcare.gov/center/councils/nphpphc/.

Realignment of the CDC Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities – Briefing

- Dr. Janet Collins gave an overview of the recently passed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148) which requires the establishment of OMH offices within six agencies in HHS. Another provision of the law states that the director of each these offices shall report directly to the head of their respective agency. Realignment of the CDC office was necessary to come into compliance with the law.
- Dr. Walter W. Williams, Director of the CDC office when the legislation was signed into law, has accepted another position in NCIRD as Medical Epidemiologist and is no longer the Director, OMHD. Tamara Kicera is interim Director, OMHD until a permanent Director is selected.



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- Dr. Janet Collins thanked Dr. Williams for his leadership role in the OMHD and as DFO for ACD/Health Disparities Subcommittee.
- Dr. Janet Collins will be acting DFO in the interim.
- A name change has been proposed for the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (OMHD) to the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE).

ACD Health Disparities Subcommittee – New Members to Fill Vacancies

- The ACD/HDS currently consists of 13 active members but there is one vacancy for a member with expertise in American Indian/Alaskan Native health issues. Recommendations for this vacancy should be addressed to Dr. Troutman, adewale.Troutman@louisvilleky.gov, Dr. Collins, jlcl@cdc.gov, or Dr. Botchwey, nbotchwey@virginia.edu.
- The two previously vacant slots were filled by Drs. Marguerite Ro and Eduardo Sanchez.
- The ACD/HDS now consists of three members from the larger ACD committee: Drs. Sanchez, Botchwey, and Seffrin.

Updates

- The next face-to-face meeting of the ACD/Health Disparities Subcommittee will be in April 2011.
- The draft strategy brief will be circulated to Subcommittee members prior to the April meeting.
- Dr. Williams gave an update of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities. It began in 2006 and evolved into the development of a national plan for action to eliminate health disparities. The plan will be released by the Secretary of Health in the near future.
- Dr. Janet Collins announced the release of Healthy People 2020 report in December 2010. She suggested the ACD/HDS lead a regional meeting as part of the strategy and give recommendations as to how CDC might proceed. All three reports (Healthy People 2020, CDC's Health Disparities Report and the National Partnership for Action National Plan) are critical and have important action items.
- Dr. Walter W. Williams announced the upcoming release of a new Funding Opportunity Announcement from OMHHE (proposed) designed to target training of minority undergraduate students.
- *CDC Vital Signs* began in July 2010. Each month articles are published that focus on different health issues, i.e., obesity, adult smoking, etc. It can be found at www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns.com.



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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sylvia Hall: Interested in new funding opportunities, i.e., medical homes and other research.
- A question was asked by an unidentified participant regarding whether CDC collaborated with NIH, particularly the National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHHD). Dr. Williams described a history of on-going collaboration between CDC and various institutes, and recent discussions about potential new collaborative activities involving OMHHE (proposed) and NIMHHD.
- Dave Baldrige: Interested in community engagement, i.e., consultative basis but also some meaningful involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, the foregoing minutes of the October 21, 2010 meeting of the Health Disparities Subcommittee, Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC, are accurate and complete.

Date

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