

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY HEALTH (ACMH)**

**April 14, 2016  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ET  
via Conference Call**

**Committee Members**

Roderick King, MD, MPH, FAAP (Chair)

Arthur Chen, MD

B. Ashleigh Guadagnolo, MD, MPH

Paul Juarez, PhD

Beverly L. Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN

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**Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions**

- Roderick King, MD, MPH, Chair

Dr. King welcomed Committee members, conducted a roll call, and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

He invited members of the public who had called in for the meeting to introduce themselves. They included Lodriguez Murray with the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS); Nathan Baugh with Capitol Associates, Inc.; Adele Simmons with the Indian Health Service, and Michael Peters with the American College of Radiology.

**ACMH Planning**

*Transitions*

Dr. King noted that his term as a member of the ACMH and as Committee Chair would end on July 8. OMH Director, Dr. J. Nadine Gracia would be identifying a candidate to serve as the

next Chair. The Chair shall be selected by the Secretary or designee. Dr. King encouraged members who are interested in serving as Chair to contact him and Dr. Wendt.

Dr. King stated that Dr. Chen's term would also end in July, and the terms of Dr. Guadagnolo, Dr. Malone, and Dr. Panapasa, respectively, would end in November. He reported that the nomination process for new members was underway.

Dr. Wendt provided an update on the nomination timeline as follows:

- Members may continue to serve on the Committee for up to 180 days if their successor has not been appointed. Retiring members interested in extending their terms should notify Dr. Wendt.
- A Federal Register Notice (FRN) was published in 2015 to call for nominations for the two vacant positions representing the American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) population. Included in that same call were the three positions vacancies anticipated for this year – two positions representing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander and one position representing AI/AN populations. Nominations for these five positions have been processed and are being finalized.
- An additional FRN would be published in May to recruit candidates to succeed Dr. King and Dr. Malone.

Dr. Wendt stated that she would inform the Committee of any further developments.

Dr. King asked Dr. Guadagnolo, Dr. Malone, and Dr. Panapasa to let Dr. Wendt know if they are interested in extending their terms and noted that he and Dr. Chen had already extended theirs. The key consideration is to ensure that the Committee has sufficient members to constitute a quorum for meetings.

#### *Discussion*

- Dr. Malone asked if there is any concern that the Committee would not have enough members to constitute a quorum. Dr. King replied that the Committee would have enough members for the June and September meetings. However, it would not be able to hold a meeting in early 2017 without replacements for the three members whose terms would expire in November.
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- Dr. Juarez requested a copy of the FRN and asked how Committee members could help with the recruitment process.
  - Dr. Wendt said that she would send Committee members a link to the notice as well as a PDF copy.
  - Dr. King urged members to share the notice with their networks.

#### *Focus for 2016*

Dr. King proposed the following topics for the 2016 meetings:

- June: Focus on health challenges for boys and men of color. Presentations and discussions would explore health challenges for this population, including behavioral

health, and how the Committee could support OMH in addressing them. Dr. King noted that Committee members and OMH had expressed support for this topic.

- September: Focus on health and health care workforce. Presentations and discussions would explore what type of workforce is required to best meet the needs of underserved populations. Dr. King noted that the Committee had planned to address this topic at the January meeting, which was canceled due to inclement weather.

Dr. King said he would defer to the new Chair to take the lead on planning the September meeting.

#### *Discussion*

- Dr. Thorpe supported the proposed topics. He noted that discussions of boys and men of color often silo mental health from physical health. Presentations to the Committee should address both aspects.
- Dr. Juarez asked whether the Committee's products in these areas would be limited to recommendations to OMH, or if the Committee would develop a document for distribution on a broader scale.
  - Dr. King replied that it was up to the Committee to determine the specific products or deliverables from its meetings. Deliverables from previous meetings have included memos and reports. Memos are shorter and the approval process is relatively simple. Reports take more time and effort to produce, and the approval process is more complex if the report includes recommendations for operating divisions outside of HHS.
- Dr. Scarinci supported the proposed topics. She emphasized the importance of follow-up on prior deliverables to maintain continuity.
- Dr. Chen agreed that feedback on deliverables is important. He encouraged members who would be on the Committee in September to review the Committee's workforce diversity report from 2011. He noted that reports can have a significant impact on efforts to advance the Committee's recommendations. He stated that the Committee should provide content and advice while a technical writer should develop the report itself.
- Dr. King asked if the Committee had access to a technical writer.
  - Dr. Wendt replied that OMH could provide that type of support. She requested that the Committee provide an estimate of the length of the proposed document and the amount of assistance required so OMH could develop a budget.
- Dr. King asked Dr. Wendt to provide an update on the status of previous deliverables.
  - Dr. Wendt replied that submitted documents had been posted on the OMH website.

#### *Agenda for June 2016 Meeting*

As noted above, Dr. King had proposed the following topics for the June meeting:

- Behavioral health issues for boys and men of color;

- Adverse childhood experiences in the context of young men of color; and
- Current initiatives in the field (e.g., My Brother's Keeper, California Endowment/Boys and Men of Color Alliance).

Committee members made the following additional suggestions:

- Speaker on violence as a public health issue;
- Panel to address common themes and unique challenges for boys and men across racial and ethnic groups;
- Health impact of incarceration;
- Violence and stress as cross-cutting themes;
- Speakers from other sectors (e.g., education, criminal justice);
- Focus on areas that OMH has not already addressed;
- Speakers with expertise in trauma-informed care;
- Panel on best practices; and
- Impact of gangs and drugs.

Committee members stressed that we need a framework that acknowledges the complex and pervasive problems that impact boys and young men of color.

Dr. King said that he and Dr. Wendt would consolidate the ideas to develop an agenda. He encouraged Committee members to suggest potential speakers. Dr. King also asked members to consider what type of deliverable would be the best way to convey the Committee's recommendations in this area.

#### September/October 2016 Meeting

Dr. Wendt stated that the second meeting for this year would be held in late September or early October, if funds are available. She noted that Camila would send a Doodle poll in the near future to determine a date for the meeting. The new Chair would determine the topic in consultation with the Committee.

#### **Data Subgroup**

Dr. Thorpe reported that Committee members provided feedback on the memo regarding the formation of a Data Subcommittee, and the memo is ready to be submitted for review by Dr. Gracia. The charge for the subgroup is included in the recommendations. The final version of the memo has been distributed to all Committee members.

Dr. King thanked the subgroup for their work. He noted that the subcommittee would be in place for the June meeting and would be an excellent resource for the new Chair.

#### **Other Business**

Dr. King called attention to two administrative items:

- An email regarding the annual ethics training was sent to all members in March. All members should complete the training and return the signed document as soon as possible.
- Form 450 (Financial Disclosure) and Form 697 (Foreign Activities) would be sent in the near future. Committee members should complete and return them as soon as possible.

Dr. Chen suggested that Committee meetings should include a standard agenda item for an update from OMH on the status of all prior deliverables and work in progress. Dr. King asked Dr. Wendt to include an update in the agenda for the June meeting.

### **Conclusion and Next Steps**

Dr. King opened the floor for public comment. The following comment was received:

- Lodriguez Murray stated that the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) health professions schools supported the Committee's decision to focus on boys and young men of color. He noted that there were fewer African American males enrolled in medical school in 2014 than in 1978, and schools of dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, and other disciplines have seen a similar trend. AMHPS is working to introduce a bill in Congress to address this issue and welcomes the Committee's leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. ET.

### **Action Items**

- Dr. Wendt will distribute the FRN for vacant Committee positions to all members.
- Committee members will send names of potential speakers for the June meeting to Dr. King and Dr. Wendt.
- PSA will conduct a Doodle poll to determine a date for a September/October meeting.
- Committee members will complete the ethics training, financial disclosure, and foreign activities forms and send the signed forms to OMH.
- Dr. Wendt will prepare an update on the status of all prior deliverables and work in progress for the June meeting and will add this as a standing agenda item for future meetings.