

**New York State Department of Health
Health Equity Council
December 9, 2022 - Meeting Minutes**

Attendees	<p>Council Members: Helen Arteaga-Landaverde, Daniel Carrion, Louis (Freddy) Molano, Guillermo Chacon,</p> <p>Partial Attendance: N/A</p> <p>Council Members with an excused absence: Rev. Diane Holt, Mill Etienne, Ngozi Moses, Dr. Vasquez, Lenora Reid-Rose</p> <p>Council Members without excused absence Absent: LaRay Brown, Tandra LaGrone</p> <p>NYSDOH OMH-HDP Staff: Wilma Alvarado-Little, Sheila Maddox</p> <p>NYSDOH Staff: Jamie Spina (Legal Counsel)</p> <p>Other NYSDOH Staff: Johanne Morne</p>
Topics	Discussion
<p>Helen Arteaga-Landaverde Presiding Chair</p> <p>Call to Order & Introductions</p>	<p>The meeting was convened at 10:15 A.M.</p> <p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde introduced herself and welcomed the fellow council members for the first in person meeting. Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde welcomed Associate Commissioner, Ms. Alvarado-Little and Sheila Maddox from the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention. Johanne Morne, Deputy Commissioner for Health Equity and Human Rights, was welcomed along with the public participants present, thanking them for their participation and asking that any suggestions, remarks, or information they wish to share, be held until the public comment period of the agenda.</p>
Council Business	<p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde provided updates an overview of the information provided in the packet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates were given in the September 9th meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COVID rates in New York State ○ Rhodes vs. Wades ○ Monkey Pox ○ Review of the bylaws by Dr. Etienne • Approval of September 9, 2022 meeting minutes. Due to a lack of quorum, the Health Equity Council members could not vote to approve the September 2022 meeting minutes.
Presiding Chair Updates Overviews	<p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde stated that during the September 9th meeting there was quorum and the items that were voted on were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Equity Council Bylaws • Open meeting law resolution • Survey Report was submitted and is being reviewed • Voted on March 4, 2022, and June 3, 2022, minutes • Key items covered in the Bylaws were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All pronouns to be inclusive to include he/her/them and his/her/their

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Defined quorum – Original quorum was 8 members of the 15 active members – new quorum to consider – a minimum of 3 members or more present can make a motion. The Council itself cannot be less than 3 active members. Open meeting law – New open meeting law, video conferencing could occur essentially in any location under extraordinary circumstances. However, the Council must create a policy, vote on said policy and post on the DOH OMH-HDP MHC/HE Council webpage. • The Council in 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Freddy Molano brought up to make sure all documents are consistent to the new name; Helen asked Wilma when the official name of the Council was changed. Wilma stated that the name of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention was changed to the Office of Health Equity officially by July of 2022. (Last year, SB S.9185/ AB A.9764 was signed 8/17/2022 to amend the name of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention to the Office of Health Equity). Due to this legislation be the name of the Council should reflect the new name which was passes by both houses and approved by the Governor as historical documentation. • Review of the bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Vice-chair will support the chair with the general supervision of the Council. As requested by the Chair, the Vice-chair shall represent the Council before the Department of Health and may request any member or members to appear with him/her/them in his/her/their stead. The Vice-chair shall preside at Council meetings during the absence of the Chair at anv meeting.
<p>Council Member Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guillermo Chacon – In conjunction with the Spanish Federation along with many community-based organizations, a statewide process to develop with the compliment of the city, a city and state Hispanic Latinx Health Action Agenda. One of his key points to report to the council members was that he replicated what was done for the city, which was done with consultation, workgroups by population for the statewide agenda a week before the general election in which we wish the best to all the candidates. He hosted a 3-hour national Hispanic Latinx Help Leadership Institute in Puerto Rico. Next steps include gathering the network in Washington DC in March 2024 to update the federal agenda. The Latino Commission has partnered with New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to address the monkeypox crisis. The Oasis Community Center Facility gave over 500 vaccination and was featured in the official press release of the Department of Health recognizing several partners. • Daniel Carrion –Has a grant funded by NASA to learn of the impact of climate change in communities of color that are disproportionately impacted by the impacts of climate change in the United States. The idea behind the grant is to identify areas of New York state that experience localized temperature disparities, meaning areas that on average hotter than their neighbors, develop a mapping tool that people can identify those locations and areas where they can potentially target energy efficiency upgrades for people. Daniel is teaching a practicum at the Yale School of Public Health leveraged to support NGO and CBO interests in the space of climate and health equity with the goal of partnering with a CBO regarding climate preparedness and public housing in New York City. • Louis (Freddy) Molano – Continues to work with the city on vaccine efforts through 12/30/22. He understands there are people reluctant to get the second dose of the vaccine. Freddy encourages everyone to get vaccinated. Freddy is also embarking on a campaign for Prep. The goal of the campaign is to learn how to maximize awareness of PREP throughout the network to make sure every person who has a history and are still sexually active. The campaign will launch in December 2022 with a goal of at least 250 women included in Prep. As of now 178 women are enrolled. Freddy is continuing the mobile units, which is been the biggest prescriber for Prep.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Arteaga-Landaverde (Presiding Chair) – It has been very busy at Elmhurst Hospital this winter with RSV, with the children and pediatric patients, COVID and the flu. The hospital is focusing on educating the staff and the communities for them to get tested for COVID and get their vaccines. Helen thanks the Council members for their efforts in health literacy, climate change and women included in a Prep Study.
<p>2023 Meeting dates and locations</p>	<p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde and the council proposed 2023 meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2023 June 2023 October 2023 December 2023 <p>Proposed the 2nd Friday of the month Time proposed 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Arteaga-Landaverde stated that based on the review of attendance and participation, March and June had the most attendance and movement than in September and December. Wilma Alvarado-Little stated that the legislation requires a minimum meeting of two meetings per year. However, the Council members have expanded this to four meetings due to Council activities. Traditionally, the first meeting has been scheduled after February to allow for the NYS budget to be approved. <p>Western Regional office has been very supportive, so this is an option to look into hosting a meeting in this location in addition to NYC.</p>
<p>Confirming topic discussions items and development.</p>	<p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde presented topics of focus which were sent to the Council members that would be discussed further.</p> <p>Johanne Morne offered a few things for the next meeting agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of June 2023, Article 28, facilitates will be responsible when submitting a certificate of need for the purpose of environmental change or construction to conduct a health equity assessment. The New York State Prevention Agenda may be helpful with some of the examples which are aligned with the ones that has been shared in relating to sexual health and other areas. There are health equity goals in that, and Johanne believes that the advisement based on the Council’s background and experience would be very helpful to continue to move forward with equity at the center. Wilma Alvarado-Little, mention that she and Johanne will work as a team on the New York State Prevention Agenda to include at the next Council meeting. <p>Regarding COVID, it is a continual discussion within the Department. Johanne mention there is no task force from the state level that she is aware of, however there are many regional groups and communities that are engaged in conversation about long-term COVID. Johanne mentioned there isn’t a task force at the state level to her knowledge. However, there are regional groups and communities that are engaged in the conversation about long-term COVID.</p>

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Meeting Recap, Feedback, Action Items and Next Steps	<p>Recap, next steps, and action items:</p> <p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde mentioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could not approved the September 9, 2022, minutes because the lack of quorum. ○ Update the calendars dates for 2023 <p>Next steps:</p> <p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde will focus on bringing information on statewide data items, exploratory topics to review in the next meeting.</p>
Public Comment and Adjournment	<p>Ms. Arteaga-Landaverde opened the floor to public participants in attendance via telecast.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.</p>

Next Meeting Date
TBD

Time
TBD

Location
To be determined