



**Community Health
 Advisory Council
 Meeting Minutes
 January 9, 2017, 10:00-12:00
 DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

CHAC Meeting, Berwyn Public Library,
 2701 S. Harlem Ave, Berwyn, IL

Committee Members Present: Yvette Alexander-Maxie (American Red Cross); Susan Brady (Community Member- North); Mike Charley (Oak Park Health Dept); Christopher Grunow (Stickney Public Health District); Lena Hatchett (Loyola University); Diane Logsdon (Logsdon Consultation Services); Jessica Madrigal (Community Member); Terry Mason (CCDPH); James McCalister (Village of Arlington Heights); Dolores Nobles-Knight (Community Member); Brielle Osting (EverThrive IL); Mary Passaglia (Northwest Municipal Conference/Health Directors); Fornessa Randal (Asian Health Coalition); Ronald Sherman (Community Member - West); Evonda Thomas-Smith (Evanston Health and Human Services Department); Griselle Torres (UIC-SPH); Tiffany Ward (for Nancy Dawkins, Grand Prairie Services); Steve Weiler (Forest Park Police Department) **Committee Members Absent:** Catherine Counard (Village of Skokie); Amanda Kelley (American Heart Association); Rebecca Medina (for Mark Klaisner, West 40 Intermediate Service Center); Wendell Mosby (Prairie State Community College); Maria Oquendo-Scharneck (AgeOptions); Armando Smith (Housing Forward); Kathy Sanabria (IL Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics); Itedal Shalabi (Arab American Family Services); Apostle Carl White (Southland Ministerial Health Network)
CCDPH Staff Present: Jim Bloyd, Debbie Brooks, Demian Christiansen, LaToya DuBose, Deanna Durica, Rachel Rubin

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Introductions 10:00-10:05

Yvette called the meeting to order at 10:06.

- II. Public Comment 10:05-10:10

There was no public comment.
 Member James McCalister remarked that all sessions from the September Food Summit are available on the CCDPH website and encouraged all to watch them to learn more about the impact of food and nutrition on chronic disease. Click [here](#) to access the videos.

- III. Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2016 10:10-10:15

Minutes were not approved, as a quorum of members was not present.

- IV. Items for Discussion 10:15-11:40

- A. Spotlight: Institutional Racism and Equity 10:15-11:15

James Bloyd, CCDPH, and Maxx Boykin, AIDS Foundation Chicago and Black Youth Power 100, facilitated a discussion for board members on institutional racism and its relationship to health inequities. Maxx and Jim showed an excerpt of the documentary “[Race – The Power of An Illusion](#)” and asked the group to consider the following questions:

- What does it mean for you, personally?



- What does it mean for the community you serve?
- What impact can we make today to change the policies and practices that created this inequity?

Discussion followed and focused on the need to build partnerships with community organizations and organizers in order to make an impact in the region. Members suggested that the CHAC should maintain a partner list of those who have presented to the group for future outreach and collaboration.

Dr. Mason offered his radio show as a way to address public health and health equity topics that the group is interested in exploring. The show is on WVON 1690 from 10-11am every Sunday, or can be accessed through the free I Heart Radio app.

B. Spotlight: Health Equity Strategies in WePLAN 2020 11:15-11:40

Rachel Rubin, Senior Medical Officer, CCDPH, presented information on the health equity strategies included in WePLAN, the suburban Cook County health improvement plan. Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation.

V. CCDPH Updates 11:40-11:55
A. COO Report

1. Operations update – budget, staffing

Dr. Mason reported that two long-serving CCDPH staff members, Steven Seweryn and Valerie Webb, retired in December. He acknowledged the expertise they brought to the department.

New positions for CCDPH are posted on the CCHHS [jobs webpage](#).

2. Legislative Agenda 2017

Dr. Mason reported that the Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium is supporting several initiatives this legislative session, including an increase in the Local Health Protection Grant and tightening up the flu vaccine requirement for health workers, among other things. He reported that a tax on sugar sweetened beverages was passed by Cook County government and will go into effect in the second half of the year.

3. Overdose data

Dr. Mason reported that work is being done to compile local data. He recommended the Wall Street Journal series on fentanyl. A link to the video describing the series is [here](#).

VI. New Business 11:55-11:59
 There was no new business.

Adjourn 11:59-12:00
 The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.