



## Meeting Minutes

### SB340 Health in All Policies Workgroup Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 1 PM – 3 PM

University System of Maryland, Wilson H. Elkins Building, Chancellor's Board Room  
3300 Metzert Road, Adelphi, MD

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#### Meeting commenced at 1 PM.

#### Attendance both in person and remotely

*Stephen Thomas, Wesley Queen, Dylan Roby, Cynthia Baur, Stephanie Slowly, Kimberly Hiner, Elaine Zammett (Representative for Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam), Steven Ragsdale, Moira Lawson (Representative for Mark Luckner), Amir Sapkota, Donna Ferris, Karen Koski-Miller, Glenda Lindsay, Holly Arnold, Jennifer Eastman, Andrea Lasker, Jon Enriquez, Lelise Aklike (Representative for Marilyn Lynk), Caroline Varney-Alvarado, Veronika Carella, David Marcozzi, Benoit Sryckman, Kristanna Peris*

#### I. Introductions

- a. All attendees introduced themselves on both the phone and in-person
- b. Stephanie Slowly, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Maryland Department of Health, announced that Co-Chair, Dr. Shalewa Noel-Thomas, has resigned. No co-chair replacement has been identified
- c. Dr. Stephen Thomas provided an overview and video of the Mission of Mercy dental care event that provides comprehensive dental care services free of charge

#### II. Content Expert Presentation

- a. Dr. Amir Sapkota, Associate Professor of Applied Environmental Health (MIAEH), University of Maryland, School of Public Health, College Park presented on the Maryland Climate and Health Profile Report
- b. Dr. Sapkota provided examples and data related to environment and health, specifically related to extreme health events.
- c. Dr. Sapkota discussed the details of the Maryland Climate and Health Profile Report
  - i. Question: How is this data being communicated to communities for their use in planning policies and programs? Answer: That is in progress. Presentations are made around the state, as requested.
  - ii. Question: What are the explanations for the heat waves and other extreme weather events? Answer: We are looking into that.
  - iii. Question: What is the explanation related to age, risk, and the reversal of race and ethnicity data? Answer: Possibly genetic makeup.

- iv. Discussion: Would a legitimate option for areas with increased asthma be to pass local policies to make changes to the infrastructure (such as bus routes?)
  - 1. Dr. Sapkota: Some of these suggested changes will take a long time to have effect on the environment. We should also immediately look at what we should do to maximize impact.
- v. Discussion: Looking at the Health in All Policies Framework, policies for impacting health during extreme heat events could include cooling stations and housing policy changes to require air conditioning in housing and schools
- vi. Question for consideration: What type of collaborative work is being done with border states? Using asthma as an example, all surrounding states will need to implement environmental policies to make a change to improve asthma triggers.

**III. Team Breakout Work Sessions**

- a. Mr. Wesley Queen instructed all teams to gather and discuss the provided work plans. Specifically, what policies or other initiatives have departments identified that include health. Also, what policies or other initiatives could health be included in.

**IV. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM**