



COMMISSION ON RACIAL EQUITY IN PUBLIC HEALTH

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Co-Chairs: Claudio Gualtieri, Undersecretary for Health and Human Services & Ayesha Clarke,
Interim Executive Director, Health Equity Solutions

Full Commission Meeting

Monday, December 12th, 2022

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106
Ground Floor Hearing Room, 1D

Members Present: Co-Chair Ayesha Clarke, Heather Aaron, Kyle Abercrombie, Carline Charmelus, Tiffany Donelson, John Frassinelli, Chavon Hamilton-Burgess, Eulalia Garcia, Steven Hernández, Tammy Hendricks, Marina Marmolejo, Laura Morris, Monica Rams (for Vanessa Dorantes, DCF), Hilda Santiago

Commission Staff Present: Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin, Muna Abbas, Gretchen Marin

Members Absent: Co-Chair Claudio Gualtieri, Mary Daugherty Abrams, Katie Dykes, Astread Ferron-Poole, Leonard Jahad, Kenyatta Muzzani, Diana Reyes, Melissa Santos, Rep. Travis Simms, Rep. Jonathan Steinberg, Kean Zimmerman

Opening Remarks from the Co-Chair

Clarke called the meeting to order at 12:33 PM.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Voice vote to approve 07/25/22 and 10/20 meeting minutes. No nays.

Data updates (Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin, CREPH Executive Director)

Director Goodwin provided an update on the data reporting and plans for eventually hosting data on the website which will launch by the end of the calendar year.

Organizational Overview (Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin, CREPH Executive Director)

Director Goodwin outlined the subcommittees restructuring, done in an effort to ensure coverage of all focus areas identified in statute.

2023 Legislative Landscape Introductory Comments (Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin, CREPH Executive Director)

Director Goodwin explained the Legislative Landscape overview was built on discussions with members, stakeholders, and legislators. The purpose of the overview is to get a sense of mission-relevant issues and proposals we expect in 2023. Within this presentation, CREPH did not declare stances on proposals.

2023 Legislative Landscape (Muna Abbas, CREPH Associate Commission Analyst)

Associate Commission Analyst, Muna Abbas provided an overview of mission-relevant proposals expected to be introduced or discussed in the 2023 session. The overview was organized by subcommittee focus areas.

Commission members offered suggestions for other areas they would like the Commission to explore or focus on and discussed the overall role and activities of the Commission.

Public Comments

Representative Nolan stated Legislature is looking towards us for suggestions & recommendations. The expectation is that we provide honest feedback, even if it means CREPH challenges policies proposals brought forward.

Good of the Order

Clarke thanked Representative Steinberg and Senator Abrams for their partnership and service as the Public Health Committee Chairs and welcomed Senator Anwar and Representative McCarthy Vahey as the incoming Public Health Committee Chairs.

Adjournment

Clarke adjourned the meeting at 1:21 PM.