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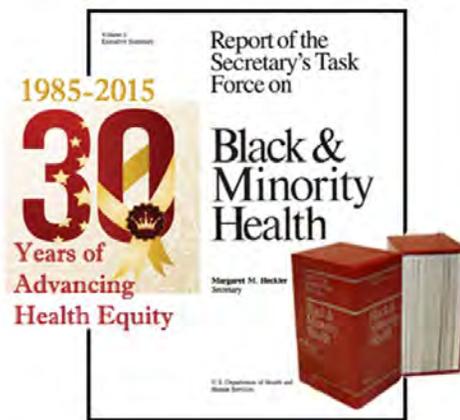
April 2015

John Kasich, Governor

Gregory L. Hall, MD, Chairman

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A Word from the Chairman



day. Since 1985, many landmark interventions have emanated from the Office of Minority Health including, The Office of Minority Health Resource Center, the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (National CLAS Standards), the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities, and the National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity.

These standards, partnerships, reports, and interventions serve as templates for work at the local level with each approach more impactful than the last and each step drawing us closer to our mutual goal of health equity.

Thirty Years Later . . .

*Gregory L. Hall, MD
Chairman, Ohio Commission on Minority Health*

Thirty years ago, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services under President Ronald Reagan released a landmark "Secretary's Task Force Report on Black and Minority Health." This report outlined the major issues impacting health disparities in the US and suggested specific actions that would positively impact both minorities and the American public in general. Thirty years later, this "Heckler Report," named for Secretary Margaret Heckler, still stands as a monument to her dedication and courage in the face of wide-spread health disparities.

The United States Office of Minority Health was created in 1986 as an outcome to this report and continues its fine work to this

As we celebrate Minority Health Month, let's remember the courage and vision of Margaret Heckler and the men and women that made up the 1985 Task Force on Black and Minority Health. Let's continue their work with health disparities and remove what Secretary Heckler said was its "shadow on the otherwise splendid American track record of improving health."

For more information or to read the actual report, go to: www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov



Gregory L. Hall, MD
Chairman, Ohio Commission on Minority Health

Executive Director's Corner

April 2015

Dear Colleagues:

Ohio joins the nation in the celebration of Minority Health Month. This year's national theme for Minority Health Month is "30 Years of Advancing Health Equity — The Heckler Report: A Force for Ending Health Disparities in America."



The Heckler Report was the first national recognition of health disparities within racial and ethnic populations. However, our historical reflections of health disparities for minority populations must also include the work of W.E.B. DuBois, published in *The Philadelphia Negro* in 1899, which describes the first significant scientific study of the social, health and living conditions among African-Americans at that time. DuBois' work mirrors what we understand today as social determinants of health. Current research continues to draw significant correlations between our social, economic, and physical environments—where we live, work, and play and our overall health status. According to the Health Policy Institute of Ohio's 2014 Health Value Dashboard, Ohio must address the many factors that impact population health outcomes and healthcare costs in order to improve health value.

The Commission's policy efforts continue to center on the importance of broadening the leadership to address health disparities at all levels, improvement in healthcare access, workforce diversity, as well as the availability and meaningful use of health data and research for all racial and ethnic populations. The Commission has partnered effectively across health and human service state departments to identify the types of policies and strategies that can improve health outcomes while reducing disparities and costs.

During the month of April, there will be over 100 events throughout the state of Ohio focused on the promotion of healthy lifestyles, screening activities, and the provision of crucial health information to allow individuals to practice disease prevention.

The Ohio Commission on Minority Health extends our thanks to our Corporate Sponsors for their continued support of our commitment to address health disparities.

We acknowledge the tireless work of our outgoing board members whose continual efforts broaden the leadership for addressing health disparities. They are to be commended. I am grateful to have outstanding leadership in our Commissioners and the State Department designees for their contribution of their time and expertise to raise the agenda for addressing racial and ethnic health disparities in the state of Ohio. I want to extend sincere thanks to my outstanding staff members who continue to bring meaning to the saying, "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela C. Dawson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Angela C. Dawson,
Executive Director

National Minority Health Month Theme

The National Minority Health Month theme is “30 Years of Advancing Health Equity —
The Heckler Report: A Force for Ending Health Disparities in America. “

Statewide Minority Health Month Kick Off — March 26, 2015

The state-wide kickoff for Minority Health Month was a huge success! The Commission would like to thank everyone who participated and give a special thanks to our media host, WBNS 10TV’s Tracey Townsend, and our special guests, Ohio Senator Charleta B. Tavares and Mildred Hunter from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This year the Commission Minority Health Month received numerous accolades including Proclamations from the Governor, Senate, House, and Ohio Legislative Black Caucus. The following featured speakers helped kick off Minority Health Month with their encouraging words and calls to action:

Dr. Gregory L. Hall, M.D, Chairman
Ohio Commission on Minority Health

Rev. Dr. Ruth McCants Locke
St. Mark AME 3rd District (Col. OH)

Lynn Stevens
Governor's Office
Director of Minority Affairs

Senator Charleta Tavares
Assistant Minority Leader

Representative Hearcel F. Craig

Mildred Hunter, Region V Coordinator
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Angela Dawson, Executive Director
Ohio Commission on Minority Health

The Commission would also like to take a moment to thank our distinguished sponsors: Medical Mutual, ProMedica, Buckeye Community Health Plan, In-Health, and the Community for New Direction. The event would not have been the same without your generous contributions!



Senator Tavares presents the Senate Proclamation



Representative Boyce, Chairman Hall, Director Dawson, Representative Craig, and Senator Tavares

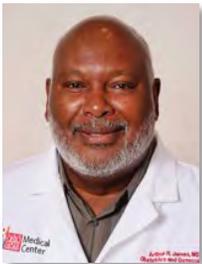


Chairman Hall, Director Dawson, and Gold Sponsor Medical Mutual, Mr. Nathan Hui

Outgoing Board Members



The Commission is proud to acknowledge our 2015 Outgoing Board Members. These awardees demonstrate a personal and professional commitment to the community's health needs and have helped the Commission achieve its goals by addressing minority health concerns, promoting healthy living behaviors, and innovating research, education, and policy change.



**James Arthur
M.D. FAGOC**

Dr. James Arthur has been a physician for 36 years and served on the Commission's board for one term, during 2012—2014. He is committed to reducing infant mortality, particularly among African Americans, through efforts such as organizing Ohio's first-ever summit on infant mortality in 2012 and advocating for community oriented obstetrical care by stressing conviction, commitment, and persistence. In addition, Dr. Arthur serves as co-director of Ohio Better Birth Outcomes and co-chairman of the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality.



**State Senator
Edna Brown**

Senator Edna Brown (D-Toledo) continues to serve Ohio's 11th Senate district since her election in November 2010 and has served on the Commission's board since May 2003. Among her legislative interests, Senator Brown supports initiatives to improve healthcare and the wellbeing of children and families in Ohio. Senator Brown currently serves as Minority Whip and on the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee, the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board, and the Ohio Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Children, Families, and the Courts.



John C. Jones

John C. Jones served on the Commission's board from 2010 until 2014 and currently leads the Governance Office at ProMedica Health System, an integrated delivery health care organization serving Northwest Ohio. Mr. Jones is an experienced non-profit leader who has worked with organizations like the Greater Toledo Urban League, which aims to improve the social and economic conditions of disadvantaged minority populations. Mr. Jones' commitment to the quality of care in Ohio is evident in his continued service as a community leader.



**Keisha T.
Robinson
DrPH, MPH**

Dr. Keisha T. Robinson served on the Commission's board from 2010 to 2014, and she currently serves as an Associate Professor and Health Professions Director of the Public Health Program at Youngstown State University. Dr. Robinson's medical interests include public health interventions and epidemiological research addressing health disparities and inequities, specifically dealing with chronic disease among women and minority communities. She also advocates for increased awareness of diversity and cultural competency throughout Ohio.



**Former State
Representative
Roland Winburn**

Roland Winburn served on the Commission's board from 2013 to 2014 during his time as a State Representative for the 43rd House district. Mr. Winburn has a long history of public service that started with coordinating the planning and evaluation of community health, human, and social service programs. With his education as a psychotherapist, Mr. Winburn brought a new perspective to legislation targeting health initiatives in Ohio. His support for Medicaid expansion has helped 54,000 uninsured Ohioans receive adequate health coverage in 2014 and an estimated 300,000 for 2015.

OCMH Grantee Minority Health Month Exhibitors

Asian Services in Action, Inc. (ASIA) combats disparities and empowers Asian American and Pacific Islanders in Northeast Ohio to access quality culturally and linguistically appropriate information and services. Four professional women founded ASIA with great hopes and aspirations to improve the quality of life for Asians in Northeast Ohio.

The Cleveland Office of Minority Health strives to identify local health disparity needs with an emphasis on informing, educating and empowering at risk communities. The office educates citizens and professionals on imperative health care issues and provides minority health data and technical assistance to local agencies working to improve the health status of minority populations.

The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio is comprised of 24 full members and 10 Affiliate/Associate members. The Council is a member driven organization that represents and advocates on behalf of its member hospitals and health systems and provides collaborative opportunities to enhance the health status of the citizens of Northwest Ohio.



The Columbus Office of Minority Health works to eliminate differences in health status between racial and ethnic minority and non-minority populations by providing leadership and guidance to address racial and ethnic health disparity and specific health needs.



Lorain Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP) reduces barriers to early identification and treatment, provides preventive programming for youth, and increases awareness and sensitivity within the community.



The Toledo Office of Minority Health strives to improve the health and quality of life of racial and ethnic minorities through education, collaboration, capacity building, program funding, and outcome evaluation.



The Lupus Foundation of America Greater Ohio Chapter is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all people affected by lupus through programs of education, research, and advocacy.



The Dayton Office of Minority Health uses health data and examines diverse factors that contribute to poor health outcomes to improve the health status of minority populations by eliminating health disparities.

OCMH Grantee Minority Health Month Exhibitors



The Ross County Community Action Commission, Inc. works within the community to reduce poverty and revitalize individuals and families through education and respect.



The Summa Foundation is the largest integrated healthcare delivery system in Ohio working to advance transformational philanthropy through generosity, understanding, and goodwill on community and regional levels.



Summit County Public Health, Office of Minority Health is dedicated to providing minority health data and technical assistance to local agencies that improve the health status of minority populations.



Keeping PACE Akron's Way seeks to address and reduce known risk factors causing Type 2 Diabetes (T2DM) and related negative health behaviors in minority male and female youth ages 8 to 18 from low-income backgrounds in Akron, Ohio.



Urban Mission Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, faith community that provides food, shelter, and other essential services to Ohio Valley and stands by its motto: "to listen with compassion, to serve with love."



The Youngstown Office of Minority Health, by partnering with local health care stakeholders and community groups promoting awareness, education, advocacy, and support, leads the effort to reduce health care disparities.

The William E. Sanders Family Life Center (WESFLC) is a non-profit corporation serving the Cleveland and Greater Cleveland area. The Center was established to provide a wide array of community services to persons of all races, creeds, and religions. WESFLC houses programs such as a GED program, food bank, clothing boutique, and senior drop-in center. Through a partnership with Willcare Home Health Care, the center provides services like home health care training.

For a list of 2015 Minority Health Month Grantees, please visit,
<http://www.mih.ohio.gov/Portals/0/MHM/2015%20Grantee%20Listing%20for%20web.pdf>.

OCMH Grantee Minority Health Month Event

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation's 13th Annual Minority Men's Health Fair

The 13th Annual Cleveland Clinic, Minority Men's Health Fair was held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 in Glickman Tower, on the main Cleveland Clinic campus. Hundreds of fathers, sons, brothers, and family members descended upon the event that boasted numerous, much needed free screenings and information sessions to include: prostate cancer, kidney function, hypertension, stroke prevention, smoking cessation, health and nutrition, exercise and wellness, organ donation, sports health, reproductive health, pain management and colorectal cancer.

Last year's event served approximately 1,100 men and family members. This year will most likely top that number.



Pictured above, health fair participants peruse one of the many health pavilions spread out over five floors on the Cleveland Clinic's Glickman Tower.

Pictured left, OCMH Commissioner Dr. Charles Modlin, Director, Minority Men's Health Center Glickman Urological & Kidney Institute Cleveland Clinic and Reina Sims, OCMH Program Manager. Dr. Modlin was presented with a medal to recognize his efforts as a Commission Champion for Good Health!

💰 Funding Opportunities 💰

The Commission announces the availability of funds up to \$84,000.00 for fiscal year 2016 to support **lupus programming** focusing on patient and public education. Grant funds will not exceed \$14,000.00 per applicant agency. Grant Deadline: June 22, 2015.

The **Request for Proposal for Minority Health Month 2016** will be released on June 11, 2015. Fiscal Year 2016 Minority Health Month grants will be issued for up to \$3,000 per grant award. Grant deadline July 29, 2015.

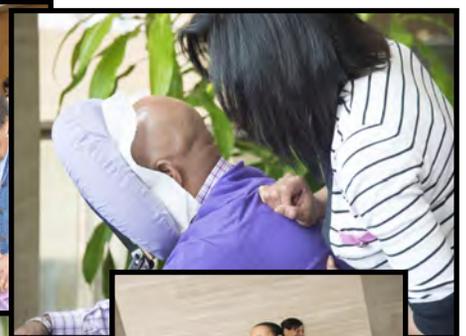
For full details, please visit our website at www.mih.ohio.gov. Then, click on our Grant Opportunities tab.

MHM Marketin —Billboards

Ohio Commission on Minority Health marketing efforts included radio, print and billboards within seven cities to increase participation of Minority Health Month activities. Several billboard examples pictured left to right include Akron, Columbus, and Cleveland Local Offices on Minority Health with our Gold Sponsor billboard, from Medical Mutual, featured below.



2015 MHM Expo Guests Enjoyed the Speakers, Vendors, and Screenings



The Ohio Commission on Minority Health Wishes to Thank You!

Minority Health Month has been an annual celebration for the past 27 years. It is important to continue the celebration of those who are committed to combatting the disparity in minority health issues. The Commission is dedicated to researching health disparities and improving the overall access and to quality health care. However, the Commission can not do the work alone. All of the awarded individuals are just a small percentage of those who work diligently to create equal access to health care through policy systems change, community education, research, and improving health information technology systems. The Commission is forever grateful for every unsung hero and volunteer who helped work with us for equitable health. Thank you!

The Ohio Commission on Minority Health Board Members



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