The Ad Hoc Disparities Committee shall assess and recommend programs, practice and policies that address behavioral health inequities for Lorain County’s residents, and will partner with community stakeholders to advance health equity, improve quality and help eliminate racial and healthcare disparities.

MHARS Ad Hoc Disparities Committee
Thu, September 10, 2020 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (EDT)

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Committee members:  Regan Phillips (Committee Chair), Dr. Tracey Frierson,
Inez James, Dr. Hope Moon (ex-officio)

Expected Staff:  Elaine Georgas

I. Call to Order

II. Comments from Ohio’s Minority Strikeforce Blueprint

III. Additional BH data (information available at meeting)

IV. Refine Goals (see attached)

V. Partnerships to improve Behavioral Health disparities (within network and collaboration in community)
   a. Training
   b. Technical Assistance
   c. Development and Implementation

VI. Next meeting – October 8, 2020 6:00 pm.

VII. Adjournment
GOAL 1. INCREASE ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR MINORITIES AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

- Increase access points for care (community, schools, faith-based, cultural centers)
- Develop culturally appropriate resource information
- Transportation
- Translation
- After hour services

GOAL 2. IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR MINORITIES AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

- Develop culturally competent workforce
- Culturally competent services
- Culturally competent justice system

GOAL 3. BUILD ON COMMUNITY STRENGTHS TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF AND EMPOWER MINORITIES AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

- Faith based communities
- School systems
- Board should reflect that of the community

GOAL 4. DEVELOP, FUND, AND DEMONSTRATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF POPULATION-SPECIFIC AND PROGRAMS

- Develop culturally specific behavioral health practice models
- Allocate resources and seek other funding resources
- Maintain data to validate effectiveness

GOAL 5. ACCESS LOCAL AND STATEWIDE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE REDUCTION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISPARITIES

- Engage the community
- Collaborate with others reducing disparities
- Grant funding