



**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

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.

**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