

ACHIEVE (Action Communities for Health, Innovation and Environmental Change) Coalition
Wed., May 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes 9:00am – 11:00am

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Attendees: Kyna Harris (OHPI), Yugen Rashad (REACH/HBI), Sonja Hendrix (MCHD), Tameka Brazile (MCHD), Charlene McGee (REACH/MCHD), Keara Rodela (REACH/MCHD), Helen Kidane (REACH/MCHD), Andrew Campbell (REACH/MCHD), Taylor Ford (REACH/MCHD), Susan Van't Hof, (OHA, REACH), Jamayne Figueroa (MCHD/CBIM), Emily Bower (City of Gresham), Jay Higgins (City of Gresham), Yonas Kassie (EECRC), Shantae Johnson (Mudbone Grown), Ronnie Meyers (MCHD/CAN), Larry Summerfield (STRYVE/MCHD), Linda Bryant-Daaka (BPI/Sacred Roots Lactation), Frances Hall (Sun Schools/ MCHD), Sharon Graham (WIC/MCHD), Germaine Flentroy (Beyond Black), Robyn Stowers (Beyond Black), Quete Capuia (MCHD Violence), Mary Jo Andersen (MCHD Transportation), Jay Higgins (City of Gresham), Jeffrey Showell (BPI), Adejoke Babatunde, Edward Hill (Black Food Sovereignty Coalition), April DeLeon Galloway, LaTasha Carter, Hanna Osman, Vince Jones, Koffi Dessou, Walter Robinson III, Knowledge Murphy, Lian Olero, Beto, Norberto Contreras, Oluchi Onyina (others unidentified on their phones), Taunya Golden (Black Mental Health Oregon)

Special Guests and Presenters: Senator Lew Frederick, Dr. Aileen Duldulao (MCHD Epidemiology), John Wasitynski (MC Coor. Business Economic Referral and Recovery) Rachael Banks (MCHD Public Health Director), Sharetta Butcher (NXNE Clinic), MC Chair Deborah Kafoury, Kim Melton (MC Chair's Chief of Staff)

<p align="center">Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roll Call (Enter Name and Organization in Chat) ● Review 05.6.2020 Agenda and April's Minutes are Here ● Partners Updates and Announcements enter Here 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All were asked to enter their name and organization into the chat
<p>Heshima or Mindfulness Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andrew led everyone in a tapping exercise (video sound error) ● https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bohZwV4HRvU
<p>Sen. Lew Frederick: COVID19 Updates for ACHIEVE Coalition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As one of the original members of ACHIEVE the understanding that he could gain more from the group than he could tell us about how to help the Black

	<p>communities in Multnomah County was his hope.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He does not get the impact information, especially about Blacks and Minorities ● His colleagues across the nation have reported disastrous outcomes and issues from their states ● Understanding that there are food deserts, diabetes, smoking and exercise deficits that adversely affect the black population/community in Multnomah County and wanting to be an advocate, he needs documentation from us of the problems that we see and hear, and he is asking What can we do next? ● Shantae responded: MudBone Grown and other small producers have indicated that the SBA funding never made it to them. She questioned if there was any funding sent to Black Farmers in Oregon? Anything to help with basic infrastructure needs? ● Sen Frederick responded: that in Oregon there is a POC Caucus that he is a member of in the legislature which meets with the Governor. ● They found that in the 1st round of small business loans African American businesses without a long term established relationship with the banks were unsuccessful in obtaining these funds. ● In round 2 of funding they are trying to get small businesses looked at for funding. ● Sen. Frederick suggested that those in 2018 & 2019 who didn't turn in taxes were also left out in getting their stimulus check, and needed to apply for it online. ● Sharon asked: if the contact tracing als included testing? Was there any plan underway yet? Had he heard about the Foster Creek Nursing Home outbreak with 28 deaths and 100 staff testing positively for COVID-19? ● Were concerns about no handwashing and no PPE brought to his attention? ● Sen Frederick responded that no there was no tracing on testing and yes, he had heard about the nursing home. ● sen.lewfrederick@oregonlegislature.gov
<p>Presenter: Dr Aileen Duldulao aileen.duldulao@multco.us</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presenting her Regional Covid-19 Data Dashboard ● Please see the dashboard link in the left column here and follow through each tab with Dr Duldulao as she focuses primarily on Multnomah County information.

Multnomah County's COVID19 Data by Race and Ethnicity:

- [Regional COVID-19 data dashboard](#)

- Multnomah County tried to not have the data mapped so that people would not get the incorrect impression based on where the cases existed as a tracing tool.
- Under the Hospitalization tab there is an overrepresentation of cases from the BIPOC community as they tend to have frontline public facing jobs
- Under the Demographic tab there were notes on Race and Age showing the older were more likely to die from COVID-19 because of their compromised immune systems, chronic diseases, living in long term care facilities or homeless shelters
- The 2018, ACS data - overrepresentation of BIPOC
- Not biological
- Not cultural
- Not heritage
- Yes, institutional racism, where BIPOC's lack access to basic living accesses
- The Symptoms and Coexisting conditions tab focuses on Lung, Heart diabetes, hypertension, smoking , immunocompromised and liver issues
- The Testing tab is done by the number of tests, what it doesn't show is that the electronic lab reports have no standard way to collect data information on race and ethnicity, so that information is usually only collected on half of the intake so what we wind up with is incomplete or incorrect data.
- Using the REALD method of collection by Race Ethnicity and Language Disability

Multnomah County Economic Recovery Discussion

- Preliminary conversation to inform the County's economic recovery planning
- MultCo COVID-19 webpage -
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- John Wasiutynski outlined the current conditions of unemployment statewide and in Multnomah County
- There are more than 362k claims in the state of OR
- There are more than 52k claims in Multnomah County
- Reports from the state that 3 out of 4 claims are being processed and approved
- The CARES ACT is providing pandemic assistance for unemployment
- To date in Oregon 40% of businesses are closed and 2% are permanently closed
- The state has taken on a 28% revenue decline
- Only 75-78% of people filing for unemployment provide demographic data
- African Americans are less than 2% of the labor force in Oregon and 2% of them

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<p>Multnomah County Black COVID Virtual Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Kafoury and her Chief of Staff Kim Melton ● Multnomah County's County Needs Assessment & Proposed Solutions ● Timeline ● https://farmersmarketcoalition.org/covid-19-crisis-farmers-market-new-guidelines/ ● mudbonegrown@gmail.com 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Chair's response currently is to direct the Public Health response with Rachael Banks the PH director ● Making sure the BIPOC community is included in efforts ● Making sure employees are safe ● Black farmers have reached out to REACH about events in the Black Community such as Juneteenth about postponement ● Looking for ways to support the black community and resources ● Through a coalition of Black stakeholders discussing how housing wealth contributes to the rates of COVID ● Is there support for black food businesses? e.g. caterers, food carts, restaurants, emergency food relief opportunities, black farmers and food producers, land water, co-packing facilities available for low or no cost?

- Will resources be focused on vulnerable people? Medically and differently abled? Community-based organizations; and food boxes and supplies?
- Some organizations such as Joe Brown's Carmel Corn are supplying food
- Are PPE resources for Community Health Workers available?
- Are there resources that already exist? Vehicles that can be used or urban spaces?
- Oregon Food Banks received 8 million dollars to get food out, but there are some organizations are having a hard time tapping into this investment.
- Food Pantries may have food, but is it appropriate food for those who need it.
- African Immigrants are having a hard time getting unemployment services because of language barriers. Children cannot be helped by their mothers when being homeschooled for the same reason. The Oregon Health Plan also has its barriers to benefits
- With the Chair's Budget being rolled out this week during COVID-19
- Priorities have been laid out for 1) PPE, 2) Testing, 3) Contact Tracing
- Has a plan been put in place to support COVID-19 avoidance of displacement and business losses in the black community?
- Prosper Oregon are dealing with business BIPOC & Small businesses
- Multnomah County is a Social Services safety net, regional food relief and wrap around services
- Is there anyway to move past or around normal contracting processes to help small BIPOC businesses move forward through this pandemic?
- In the reopening plan- we want to be safe returning to work, has there been any oversight put into place to keep employees safe?
- We must protect the employees, conversations are happening with the city and the state
- WIC has set up a keyword text to a short code to reach community members directly.
- Emergency childcare providers need PPE, can they get any assistance for that from the county? Being able to buy things in bulk through the county procurement program would save thousands of dollars.
- We have heard about creating community hubs making it easier to access PPE.
- Smoking is an issue with COVID-19, we wanted Multnomah County to ban

	<p>menthol cigarettes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Exacerbation of racism - we will get back to the tobacco discussion● What is being done about illegal evictions?● When this all started there was a moratorium put on evictions for nonpayment of rent. Contact CAT the Oregon Law Center● There is state and federal money available for rent assistance● Food banks and pantries are great, however some mentally different people are unable to understand what to do with the food they are given.● Therapists by law are able to help with forms● Mentally different people may have issues / supplements, and hygiene
<p>Review action items and next step Share Your Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● REACH Breastfeeding Campaign Message Testing Form <p>Resources Requests Forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● State/County Reopening Consideration, enter here● Solution and Resources<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Updated Info and Guidance (i.e. face masks, testing)○ COVID-19 Resource Request Form○ Joint Volunteer Information Center (JVIC) Community Needs Survey○ COVID-19 Food Access and Basic Need Planning Document <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Adjourn Meeting	

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Emily Bower10:01 AM

Thanks for the comment Eddie, John the GRDC and City of Gresham are in alignment with this request and would like to explore how we can be more intentional and coordinated around food systems.

Shantae Johnson10:01 AM

Thank you Ed and John

Edward Hill10:01 AM

Joint Public-Community-Municipalities Union

Black Mental Health Oregon10:01 AM

We at Black Mental Health Oregon are distributing food to families identifying with Mental health challenges or supporting someone. We are having major issues connecting with the food bank to coordinate food box making. We have those who have social distancing issues before the pandemic due to diagnosis. Food insecurities are on the rise. We are also checking on the vulnerabilities of the types of foods that they may have to ensure nutritional balance while teaching them how to keep staples.

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Hey Kim thank you for joining us!

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Thank you, Tameka! And thanks for all the great work you're doing!

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Not sure if I missed it, but was there any mentioning of mental health support in the Black Community Plan?

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As you already know, Multnomah County's Black COVID19 confirmed cases are parallel with that of other large Metro cities as far as the confirmed cases being disproportionate to the population. Are there defined funds or resources available to respond to this inequity?

*disparity

Helen Kidane10:26 AM

@Black Mental Health Oregon - please email me at helen.b.kidane@multco.us

Shantae Johnson10:29 AM

Thanks Yonas

Yon K10:32 AM

Welcome Shantae

Tameka Brazile10:32 AM

Thanks Kim. We have farmers who could use some of the land the County has access to or own for farming

Hanna Osman10:33 AM

If anyone is doing any culturally specific work, please keep me in the loop, I am currently at Joint Volunteer Information Center as a community liaison with a focus on East African immigrant/refugees (Somali mainly). I have 5 CBOs on my plate currently. hanna.osman@portlandoregon.gov

Thank you!

Shantae Johnson10:34 AM

Hi Kim , We applied for C.R.O.P.S land and are now in RFP process. Kim can we follow up with you offline.

Kimberly Melton10:38 AM

Yes, Shantae, I would love that. kimberly.melton@multco.us; or 971-806-8860.

Shantae Johnson10:39 AM

Thank you Kim

Beto10:42 AM

I have a question

Ronnie Meyers10:42 AM

I would love to get that info, Sharon!

Deborah Kafoury10:42 AM

deborah.kafoury@multco.us

please feel free to email me if I didn't get a chance to answer your question, or if you have additional questions.

Thank you!

Charlene McGee10:47 AM

COVID-19 Resource Request Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5IT3v6I62f7J06_sRy0ARyc77V7j0w5bEjwQataruZ14tIQ/viewform

Ronnie Meyers10:47 AM

The EOC is working on the possibility of making diapers and other personal items available. Please let me know if you'd like to have input on the process!! Ronnie Meyers 503-307-4134 ronnie.w.meyers@multco.us

John Wasiutynski10:47 AM

<https://multco.us/em/need-resources-multnomah-county-resource-request-form>

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I'm here

Tameka Brazile10:48 AM

Tanya we can't hear you

Black Mental Health Oregon10:49 AM

Don't know how to get on

Tameka Brazile10:50 AM

Try calling in to this number: 385.325.0507, PIN: 230588608

Black Mental Health Oregon10:51 AM

My mic was off

I turned it on

Charlene McGee10:53 AM

Community Alliance of Tenants COVID-19 Resources www.oregoncat.org/cat-covid19-resources

Frances Hall10:54 AM

thx, Charlene, for CAT info

Charlene McGee10:54 AM

Oregon Law Center Information and Resources related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic of 2020

<https://oregonlawhelp.org/issues/covid-19-resources>

Deborah Kafoury10:56 AM

<https://multco.us/chair-kafoury/covid-19-eviction-moratorium-information>

Yon K 10:58 AM

Thank you for saying it , This is real issue.

Larry Summerfield 10:58 AM

Great Point

Keara Rodela 10:59 AM

Thank you for bringing mental health concerns into this conversation.

Shantae Johnson 10:59 AM

Thank you Tanya!

Black Mental Health Oregon 11:01 AM

Thank you

Deborah Kafoury 11:02 AM

Thank you for letting me join your meeting!

latasha carter 11:02 AM

Laurie Palmer is a National Women of Triumph Inspirational Speaker, CEO/Founder of Go Get Your Child

Kimberly Melton 11:02 AM

Tanya, I'd also like to follow up with you about some of the food activities and videos you are doing. I'll send an email. Thank you!

Yon K 11:02 AM

Thank you REACH