

Summary: Subcommittee Objectives and Pulse Report Development October 25th,2023

I. Purpose of the BLAC Subcommittee:

Dr. Samuel Hickson led a session to redefine the objectives of the BLAC Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is established as a temporary working group with a specific focus on creating the BLAC Pulse Report. This report is pivotal in summarizing the experiences of black Nevadans, offering data-driven recommendations, and identifying key resources to ameliorate their conditions.

II. Restructuring Pulse Report Categories:

A key decision was the restructuring of the Pulse Report's category system, reducing the number from eight to six. This change aims to streamline the report, focusing on issues directly impacting community health and wellness. Each primary category will include relevant subcategories to ensure a comprehensive coverage. The revised categories are:

Category 1: Public Policy, Law & Government

- Subcategory 1: Political determinants of the economic costs of wellness
- Subcategory 2: Public campaigns and strategies to promote health equity in Nevada

Category 2: Health and Wellness

- Subcategory 1: COVID-19 highlight of system gaps within public health and healthcare
- Subcategory 2: Identification of system gaps within the healthcare workforce

Category 3: Faith-Based Communities

- Subcategory 1: The equitable impact of interfaith collaborations on a community's wellbeing.

Category 4: Education & Youth

- Subcategory 1: Public safety's implications and impact on student wellbeing and achievement.

Category 5: Environment

- Subcategory 1: Public health infrastructure gaps related to heat vulnerability. Example considerations include sustainable communities, green living, air quality disparities, urban heat island effect, weatherization and climate change vulnerability.

Category 6: Communication Arts and Culture

- Subcategory 1: Communication barriers experienced in the current healthcare infrastructure.

III. Finalizing the Pulse Report:

The Subcommittee is tasked with completing the Pulse Report draft within a newly established, realistic timeframe. Acknowledgments will be made to members who have actively contributed. It is crucial to note that the report, while comprehensive with data points, narratives,

recommendations, and resource identifications, is not an Action Plan but a reflective document on the wellness of Nevada's black community. It's imperative to avoid implying that the report will directly instigate change.

IV. Future Meetings and Agenda:

An additional meeting is proposed to finalize the Pulse Report details, aimed to be scheduled before the February session. Attendance and participation in the last meeting will be reviewed. **The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 17th, from 10 am to 12 pm, focusing on the report's finalization and future agenda topics.**