

Howard County Council Racial Equity Task Force



Meeting: Public Health and Environmental Policy Subgroup Meeting

Start Time: June 16, 2021 6:07 PM

End Time: June 16, 2021 8:21 PM

Task Force Member Attendees:

Yvonne Commodore-Mensah
Buffy Illum
Paula Goodwin
Jean Silver-Isenstadt
Delora Ifekauche

Yvette Oquendo
Michael Allen
Nia Leak (absent)
Myiesha Padder (absent)
Chiara D'Amore (absent)

Council and Facilitator Attendees:

Karla Morrison-Brooks, Groundwork Partners
Colette Gelwicks, County Council
Brenda Smith, County Council

Materials:

[Agenda](#)

[Draft Recommendations](#)

Approved Minutes:

Dr. Yvonne Commodore-Mensah, Subgroup Chairperson, opened the meeting with a roll call and confirmed that a quorum of subgroup members was present. Dr. Commodore-Mensah moved to approve the meeting minutes from the Public Health and Environmental Policy Subgroup Meeting on May 19, 2021. Yvette Oquendo, Task Force member, seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Karla Morrison-Brooks, Facilitator, provided information regarding the recommendation review and voting process. The subgroup members then began the review of recommendations, which included discussion of the impact, data, and timeline sections of each recommendation. Subgroup members reviewed every recommendation and then voted on whether to include the recommendation in the main body of the final report for the County Council.

Mental Health

Recommendation 1 – unanimously approved

Recommendation 2 – unanimously approved

Recommendation 3 – unanimously approved

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Maternal Health

Recommendation 1 – unanimously approved

Public Health

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Recommendation 2 – unanimously approved

Recommendation 3 – unanimously approved

Environmental Policy

Recommendation 1 – unanimously approved

Recommendation 2 – unanimously approved

Recommendation 3 – unanimously approved

Recommendation 4 – majority approved (one vote to abstain)

Recommendation 5 – unanimously approved

Recommendation 6 – majority approved (one vote against)

Ms. Morrison-Brooks thanked members of the subgroup for participating and adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.