

Meeting: Regional Equity Advisory Committee for Health (REACH)

Meeting Date: 5/19/2025

Members:

- ☐ Ricardo Bowden
- ✕ Debbie Edokpolo
- ✕ Afaf Humayun
- ✕ Feliz Rodriguez
- ✕ Anna Winters

MSHN Support Staff:

- ✕ Dani Meier
- ✕ Sarah Surna
- ✕ Skye Pletcher
- ☐ Joe Sedlock

Additional: Pamela Frattarelli (MSHN), MarChare Canada (MSHN)

KEY DISCUSSION TOPICS

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Check-in: What do you do to recenter yourself?
2. New Staff introductions
 - Pamela Frattarelli – Administrative Coordinator
 - MarChare Canada – Treatment Specialist
3. Updates:
 - Federal cuts
 - i. Frequent cuts to governmental agencies that affect us (SAMHSA, Medicaid, etc.)
 - ii. Only one that has affected MSHN (equity initiatives) is ARPA funds cut/frozen per AG suing
 - iii. CCBHCs previously had bipartisan support for their expansion, last week learned current draft funding does not expand this initiative
 - iv. Ingham county lost several AmeriCorps staff
 - v. Medicaid cuts will deeply impact FQHCs
 - vi. Rising Voices putting out statements re: xenophobic comments by lawmakers, current house bills, connecting with other organizations such as Planned Parenthood
 - State budget & Advocacy
 - i. Other bills have cropped up in state bills, introduced mandatory sentencing for fentanyl possession, MSHN doing some advocacy
 - ii. Opioid Settlement Fund issues not being used efficiently, more scattershot approach and PIHPs excluded from much discussion
 - Rebid
 - i. No news
 - ii. Told that it would be announced in May who can bid, will find out later what the RFP would look like
 - IDEA Updates
 - i. Upcoming lunch and learns on Trauma, biases in data collection/Evidence Based Practice, extremism/radicalization, racial reparations and the faith community
 - Population Health activities
 - i. Agreements with MDHHS to work on health equity/etc as State also reevaluates language introduces some confusion re: how the work will continue
4. New business?
 - Be aware of orgs like Do No Harm seeking “whistleblowers” to catch people continuing to do DEI work

✓ KEY DECISIONS		
✓ REVIEW REQUESTED	1. Name of item(s) for review (e.g., policy, procedure, public-facing communication, etc.):	
	2. Purpose behind seeking REACH input for this item:	
	3. Specific ask in terms of feedback & timeline:	
✓ KEY DATA POINTS/DATES		
✓ ACTION(S) REQUIRED By whom? ✓ By when?		
Next Meeting:	Monday, July 21 st , 2025, 3:00-4:30	