

New American/Foreign Born/Immigrant Advisory Board
March 29, 2021 – 6:00PM
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Sahra	Abdullahi
Samuel	Acquah
Geraldine	Ambe
Beverly	Anaele
Alicia	Belay
Ranju	Dhungana
Krissie	Guerard
Hamzat	Koriko
Bini	Kouadjo
Rwatie	Matsika
Ray	Osadolor
Prakash	Pathak
Reggie	Tarr
Jasper	Teboh
Sara	Uppgren

Other Attendees: Eric Giltner

Agenda Items

- **Small Business Association: opportunities for partnership and collaboration – Eric Giltner**
 - Presentation attached
- **Updates from the Health Equity Office:**
 - Healthy Equity COVID Plan – Alicia Belay
 - Find ways to connect with partners to help get vaccine to their communities.
 - Had the launch of the radio show on 88.1
 - Show every day at 2:00 central time and the message specifically for the NFI community and it's translated into several different languages.
 - Shows will be posted on the website very soon.
 - Opportunity as members to join a roundtable put together by ASTHO for health equity and COVID vaccinations. Communities and agencies will come together to discuss barriers, gaps, concerns, etc., around the vaccination. They have invited two people from our NFI taskforce. The event will be on April 15 via Zoom. Sahra and Samuel volunteered.
 - Health Equity website – Bev Anaele
 - In the final stages of revamping and updating the website and all the different pages for the advisory boards.

- There will be a “Meet the Team” page, that will include member’s photo and bio. Please send to Valentina by early next week. Her email is: valentina.asiedu@ndsou.edu.
- **Statement of Intent – Bini Kouadjo**
 - The statement was approved and now going out to the HE board for final approval.
- **Task Force Updates – Ahmed Makaraan and Reggie Tarr**
 - Survey – Targeting NFI community members and asking about myths, beliefs, concerns, and barriers around the COVID vaccinations. Please share the survey in your communities.
 - Videos – Working on a video on receiving the COVID vaccine. Please let Reggie know if you would be willing to participate in a 2-3 minute video that will be put out on social media.
 - Weekly post – Every week there will be a post regarding COVID.
- **Group Discussion: Hamzat Koriko**
 - Recruitment
 - Actively looking for diverse individuals who are not currently represented, to join the board. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please let Alicia know.
 - List serve
 - This would be for those that don’t have time to come to every meeting but would still like to get updates. Anyone could subscribe to receive email updates.
 - Currently looking for a platform and hope to have it ready by next month.
 - WhatsApp group
 - This was approved by the DoH to develop the group and this would be an internal way of sharing important updates.
 - Recommendation Task Force
 - Task force would make a recommendation to the health department on something that would better serve our community as a whole.
- **Next meeting/adjourn**
 - Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm