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Minority Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)		
7.11.2017	10:00 – 11:30 AM	CPH Room 119C
Meeting called by:	Ryan Johnson – OMH Program Director	
Type of meeting:	Bimonthly Advisory Meeting	
Facilitator(s):	Jesus Ovalle , Hibo Noor, Bilan Hussein, Ilham Jama	
Note taker:	Lindsey Latscha	
Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus Ovalle • Hibo Noor • Bilan Hussein • Iham Jama • Karen Dawson • Allison Payten • Ekram Ali • Eric Greene • Sarah Posten • Taylor Smull • Corina Klies • Megan Roberts • Lauren Beitel • Deborah Crawford • Vicki Kovarik • Laura Sweet • Sarah Potter • Jackie Leibovitz • Reynalda Davis • Jane Dickson • Ami Peacock • Makeda Porter • Shelly Lewis • Erin Lee • Brittney Dangler • Ali Segna • Ladonya Brady • Shalini Madireddy • Jose Morales Crispin • Kadi Banjoko • Emily Fisher • E. Fuentesz • Mike Fielding • Maria Ramos • Malaika Brewer • Fareeda Griffith • Tara Tucker • Hawa Farrah • Patricia Ruiz • Harrison Fillmore • Morgan Hammonds 	
Item One: ICS Presentation “Measles”		
45 Minutes	Hibo Noor, Bilan Hussein, Ilham Jama	
Discussion:	Measles in the Somali Community	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measles Outbreak in Minnesota • March 30, 2017 – June 16, 2017. 78 Measles Cases consisting of 74 Children & 4 Adults - 65 Somali • Columbus & Franklin County have 2nd largest Somali Community in United States • Myth & fear about potential link between Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine & autism • 9 studies have found no link between vaccines or thimerosal and autism • Somali Community Health Forums were conducted at Somali Community Association of Ohio & Abubakar Assidiq Islamic Center. • Discussed the outbreak in Minnesota and how to prevent a measles outbreak in Ohio • Talked about measles symptoms, complications and prevention • Addressed misinformation about MMR vaccine and autism • Somali Community Health Forum Feedback ~ • Willingness of Somali Community to strengthen partnership with Public Health • Appreciation of the opportunity to educate Somali community leaders who will share information with the community • Acknowledgement of language challenges which need to be addressed in order to conduct effective outreach to the community • Need for dissemination of scientific evidence that vaccines do not cause autism • Immunization opportunities and information were provided by Columbus Public Health & Franklin County Public Health. • Access2Interpreters provided interpretation services for both community forums. 		

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Action Steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outreach to 49 child care centers & 11 Masjid with the distribution of measles information.• Outreach to restaurants & grocery stores currently underway• Translation of the measles website into Somali• Interest in potential studies in Ohio similar to those in Minnesota about incidence of autism
Item Two: Questions & Answer	
20 Minutes	
Q&A: Measles in the Somali Community	<p>Q1: What is the MMR vaccination rate in Ohio ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ohio is in the 90% range but no exact current rate. Minnesota is estimated to be at 42%

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<p>Q&A: Measles In the Somali Community</p>	<p>Q2: Are there any other diseases of concern in the Somali community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not specifically. Most concern is around the MMR vaccine and links to Autism • The goal is to address the fears regarding vaccines but this is difficult without an definitive cause for Autism. • <p>Q3: Has the vaccination rate increased in Columbus after the Measles forums?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to a dozen vaccines were given in the week following the presentations. • Need for increase education vs. vaccine push • Adults must have MMR vaccine to enter the U.S. <p>Q4: Can the committee obtain a copy of the Minnesota report?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report will be sent out via email <p>Q5: Why is the Somali rate of Autism higher than the national average?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness and diagnosis • No mental health studies or treatment available in Somalia • Still unknown factors
<p>Item Three : Information Sharing</p>	
<p>30 Minutes</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Debbie Crawford: OMH Reep Evaluator & Community Facilitator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racism as a factor in health disparities • Currently gathering data and collecting an email list for further discussion • Deborah A. Crawford <crawford@columbus.rr.com> <p>Corina Klies : ODH- Sexual Assault/ DV Prevention Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence- OAESP.org • New Playbook- Getting men engaged in conversation to end sexual violence • Event is July 20-21, 2017 8:30am-5:00pm <p>Amy Peacock- Mt. Carmel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Ramos is leaving her position. The position is available. Interested applicants please contact Amy. • Amy and Roxanne Payne- The Hispanic/ Latino Collaborative will meet Wednesday July 26, 2017 9:30-11 AM at the Mt. Carmel Healthy Living Center.