

Action and follow up items from February 07, 2021 meeting

Present: Drs. L. Brewer, N. Chomilo, C. Crutchfield III, C. Crutchfield Sr., S. Ennevor, D. Hamlar, D. Hart, A. Kiragu, B. Kroach, Z. McKinney, and Ms. Maime Singleton Guest Kelly Robinson, RN.

ACTIONS ITEMS TAKEN:

1. Unanimously voted to support the current efforts of the Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate. Drs. Hamlar, Hart, and McKinney will act as liaisons.
2. Ms. Robinson well articulated the inefficiencies she is personally observed in vaccine delivery. A major barrier is a lack of access to the vaccine. She has been fortunate enough to secure sites and volunteers but the supply is low. Dr. Ennevor, Ms. Singleton, and Ms. Robinson will collaborate to engage media and leaders in the Walz administration to address this disparity and allocate resources based on equity.
3. Unanimous voted to pursue a formal partnership and future collaborations with the African American Leadership Forum following statements by multiple members of the organization's high likelihood of playing a major role in supporting health initiatives. Drs. Ennevor and Hamlar will take the lead.
4. NMA regional meeting (May 14-15). Voted to request language-noting Minnesota as the host of this event in announcements. As requested by attendees, a letter was forwarded to potential high profile speakers to outline our parameters for their presentation. Next meeting is Feb. 21, 2021.
5. Website: Dr. McKinney received a commitment from the MMA to refer members to our website for up to date information and resources for minorities. Dr. Crutchfield is working with our vendor to secure our organization's domains. Dr. Ennevor will submit \$214.80 in fees to update and maintain our website. The future updated website will track all media appearances.
6. Ms. Robinson articulated the inefficiencies in vaccine delivery. A major barrier is a lack of access to the vaccine itself. She has secured sites and volunteer staff to get the shot in arms but the supply is low. Dr. Ennevor, Ms. Singleton, and Ms. Robinson will collaborate to engage with the media and leaders in the Walz administration to address this disparity.
7. With the assistance of Ms. Robinson, Drs. Hart and Hamlar attended meetings hosted by religious leaders of African American churches to provide resources and health information to disseminate to minority communities. Dr. Hart began compiling a resource document for religious leaders. Edits and suggestions are due by Thursday, February 11, 2021.
8. Dr. Crutchfield Sr. will be a guest at the U of MN's SNMA event celebrating Black Physician trailblazers in Minnesota.
9. Dr. Ennevor's financial report was accepted.
10. Dr. Chomilo requested MNAAP support the Minnesota Doctors for Health Equity's efforts to discuss the disparities present in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic including the severity of COVID-19 infections and hospitalization, testing, and vaccine administration.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS:

- Thank you for your contributions to Minnesota Spokesman Recorder's health column. Please continue to submit your articles. Also thanks to Drs. Crutchfield III, Chomilo, Ennevor, Hamlar,

Kiragu, and McKinney for speaking with various media outlets to address vaccine hesitancy, health disparities related to COVID-19.

- Please send your annuals dues.
- Seeking Minnesota sponsors and ways to promote small Black business during regional meeting

Next meeting is Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 11 A.