

Council on Black Health – Policy Workgroup

June 3rd, 2021

Notes

- **Discuss Racism as a Public Health Crisis**
 - See attached for APHA Presentation
 - Think about actions CBH can take now that we are working with APHA. We could possibly conduct a content analysis for continuity between declarations, best practices, and action steps that others are taking.
 - Kristen and Keshia can provide a rubric template for the content analysis
 - There was question about whether the rubric should be detailed for a deep analysis, or more general for a broad analysis. This will determine how many declarations/policies CBH can review. The Policy Workgroup will meet with Regina from APHA to discuss ways for CBH to be most useful
 - Resource: [Racism and Health](#) – Related background from APHA
 - Resource: [Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Emergency in Connecticut](#)
- **Discuss [Quorum](#) public affairs platform**
 - Quorum is a public affairs platform that helps ‘map, track, change, and report on the policy landscape’. CBH will purchase access to Quorum with a limited number of user log ins.
 - A potential workgroup activity would be to use the platform can be to create Legislator Report Cards that evaluate how legislators are framing, messaging, and voting on issues
 - Another potential activity would be to use Quorum to assess public discourse and social media conversations around the declaration of racism as a public health crisis
- **Goals/Activities for the summer**
 - Drexel student intern, Barbara Affleck, will be working with CBH this summer on two projects
 - 1) Conduct a landscape analysis to find existing or pending health or social determinants of health-related bills in relation to the Black Health Bill of Rights
 - 2) Review upcoming health-related policies on regulations.gov and draft comments to be submitted by the Council on Black Health

Next Steps

- Meet with Regina to discuss CBH action steps related to Racism as a Public Health Crisis
- Kristen to send evaluation rubric template that can be used for declaration and legislation content analysis
- Kristen and Keshia to send examples of comment responses submitted to regulations.gov