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Minutes to the October 19, 2010 Meeting

Legislative Office Building Room 1B

Present: Marie Spivey, Chair; Nancy Berger; Lorraine Carrano; Glenn Cassis; Kelson Etienne-Modeste; Ann Ferris; Paul Flinter; James Gatling; Cathy Graves; Kristen Noelle Hatcher; Sharon Mierzwa; José Ortiz; Werner Oyanadel; Arvind Shaw; Greg Stanton; Marta Moret; Raja Staggers-Hakim; Africka Hinds-Ayala from the Office of the Healthcare Advocate

Absent: Kenneth Alleyne; Paul Cleary; Jeannette DeJesus; Sylvia Gafford-Alexander; Colleen Gallagher; Meg Hooper; Marja Hurley; Marie Kirkley-Bey; Elizabeth Krause; Doreen McGrath; Stephanie Paulmeno; Natasha Pierre; James Rawlings; Tory Westbrook; Janet Williams; Michael Williams

1. Chair Marie Spivey welcomed members of the Commission and visitors to the meeting. All present identified themselves and the organizations they were representing.
2. Marta Moret gave a presentation providing an overview of the Commission. To access the presentation, [click here](#). Commission members gave suggestions for fine-tuning the presentation, and Marta agreed to make the changes. Marta asked all the members of sub groups to review the slides describing the objectives and activities of each group to ensure accuracy and completeness.
3. Marie introduced Dr. Raja Staggers-Hakim, the new Health Equity Director. Raja said she will be starting the position on November 4th. She has been reviewing the Commission's first annual report and researching the activities of the Commission on the OHA website. She expressed gratitude and excitement for having the opportunity to work with the Commission.
4. Nancy Berger gave a presentation on the Statewide Multicultural Health Partnership entitled Faces of Disparity. To access the presentation, [click here](#).
5. Paul Flinter reported that the Department of Education has partnered with the Department of Public Health, the Hispanic Health Council, the Children's Trust and the Nurturing Families Network at the Department of Social Services in applying for a grant from the HHS Office of Adolescent Health that will address pregnant teens and teenaged parents. They have learned that they are recipients of a \$6 million dollar grant to support pregnant and teen moms in CT's five large cities for the next three years.

Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 16, 2010.
