Minority & Multicultural Health

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Promoting & Protecting the Health of Iowans

IDPH Iowa Department of Public Health

In 2009, under HF2526, the name of the office was changed to the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health (OMMH). In 2010, OMMH received a Department of Health & Human Services Office of Minority Health State Partnership Grant for 2010 – 2013. The purpose of this grant is to address increased staff needs and resources to better serve as the liaison agency within the IDPH, link with and develop partnerships in multicultural communities, increase the engagement of the OMMH Advisory Council in strategic planning and program activities, strengthen six regional multicultural coalitions, and produce a disease burden report. We continue to provide preceptorships and internships for the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Masters of Public Health Program and partner with other Iowa academic institutions in accordance our goal to provide internships for students of diverse ancestral heritage.

Did you know?

- In 2005, IDPH established the Office of Multicultural Health (OMH) in an effort to increase access to culturally competent health care for Iowa's minority, immigrant, and refugee populations.
- In 2006, OMH became part of Iowa law. In 2007, OMH developed a strategic plan with the mission to actively promote and facilitate health equity for Iowa's multicultural communities.
- In 2010, OMMH received its first federal DHHS OMH State Partnership Grant. In 2011, OMMH in contractual agreement with the University of Northern IA completed a 3-phase goal of establishing the opportunity for 6 regional public health minority health coalitions.
- In 2012, OMMH received a DHS, OMH National Plan for Action award to increase education and awareness efforts to end health disparities. Over 40,000 informational postcards and bookmarks were distributed with the http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa web site link for free materials and toolkit resources.

Why is Minority & Multicultural Health important to promoting and protecting the health of Iowans?

- According to the U.S. Census, Iowa had a 97% increase in its minority population from 1990 to 2000. There was a 47% increase in African Americans, a 46% increase in Native Americans, a 214% increase in Asian Pacific Islanders, and a 241% increase in the Hispanic/Latino population.
- Chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer are more common in Iowa's minority and immigrant/refugee populations. To meet the needs of these growing populations, Iowa must expand its capacity to address minority and immigrant/refugee health issues. IDPH must help local public health agencies and health care providers address the health concerns of new Iowans.

Which Iowa Public Health Goals are we working to achieve?

Strengthen the public health infrastructure

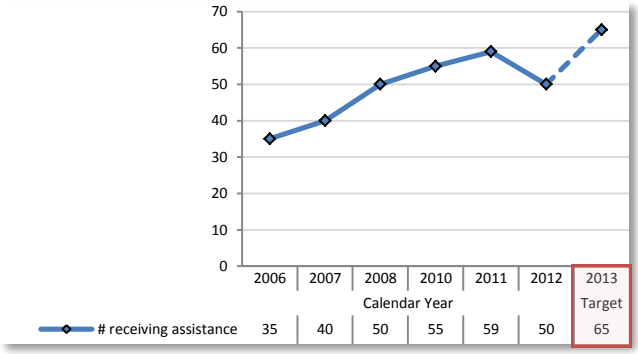
What do we do?

- Work with companies, communities, faith-based groups, and others across Iowa to develop strategies for providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
- Coordinate and provide education and training in culturally and linguistically appropriate health care and service delivery to any state, local, or regional agency, program, or institution.
- Assure access to networks, contacts, and resources necessary to apply for local, regional, and federal grants and awards.
- Assure a comprehensive health assessment for newly arriving refugees. Work with partnering agencies to assure appropriate health services are received.
- Provide information to the public about health disparities.
- Plan, evaluate, assess, and research health disparities.
- Develop legislation, rules, and policies related to health disparities.
- Work with and provide links to communities, local agencies and programs, and regional and federal entities to address the health issues that affect Iowa's minorities, immigrants, and refugees.

How do we measure our progress?

❶ **Number of state and local programs and organizations that have received technical assistance, resources, or training about multicultural health issues and services.**

Data Source: OMH records. Data are available annually.



How are we doing? In 2012, the Executive Director of IDPH, OMMH received the Iowa Juneteenth Observance James Derham Award in acknowledgment of her outstanding service and contributions to the field of health in Iowa. James Derham was the first African American physician in the United States.

In 2012, we provided technical assistance and facilitated a workshop for 50 community-based organizations, and maintained a positive and productive relationship with undergraduate students of diversity at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon Iowa in the areas of health related diseases and prevention of their on-set. In partnership with Northern Plains and the Iowa Comprehensive Cancer Consortium, we held Native American Cancer Support Group leadership training and from that have developed the Native American Cancer Support Group Coalition. In partnership with Community Health Partners of Sioux County Public Health, we continue to provide assistance with the Latino's Women's Support Services Coalition.

Within this same year, the OMMH lending library for the video *"UNNATURAL CAUSES"* has increased with 10 videos available in addressing health equity to any of the Maternal and Child Health contractors to address the state performance measure number #3. This tool is also available to any community based or public health agency.

What can Iowans do to help?

1. All Iowans can become more aware of the health care and access needs of Iowa's minority, immigrant, and refugee residents.
2. All Iowans can build public, professional, and policymaker support for programs and policies to improve the health of minorities, immigrants, refugees, and their families.
3. Iowa organizations can do more to recruit and retain racial and ethnic minorities as health and human service providers.

Expenditures

Federal funds: 0153-0404/0948/0952

	State Fiscal Year 2012 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2013 Actual	State Fiscal Year 2014 Estimate
State funds	$0	$0	$0
Federal funds	$153,251	$198,765	$211,159
Other funds	$6,006	$3,434	$4,217
Total funds	**$159,257**	**$202,199**	**$215,376**
FTEs	0.89	0.76	1.80

Note: Funding information is intended to provide an overview of funding related to the program area. It does not include all federal and state requirements and/or restrictions for the use of funds. Contact the program area for more detailed budget information.