

Kansas African American Affairs Commission Meeting Agenda

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Friday, March 26th, 2021

4:00 pm- 5:30 pm

Call to Order and Welcome

KAAAC Chairman New called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm

Reading of the Kansas African American Affairs Commission KOMA Statement

Roll Call Present: Commissioners - New, Davis, McRoy, Lewis, Westbrook

Absent: Commissioners Elmore, McCormick

Chairman's Opening Comments – Welcome

Public Comment - No Comments

Minutes – Friday, December 4th, 2021 Pending...

Introduction: Alyrique Franklin- Education Committee Liaison for the 400 Years of African American Commission. Alyrique is a current Senior at WSU/ completing a degree in community psychology and will be volunteering some of her time with KAAAC.

Commissioner Report Template: KAAAC Commissioner are chosen in part because of an active involvement in the communities where they live. This new form will help us highlight and report on activities and community involvement.

Requested that all Commissioners verify and update their biographical information and organization affiliation list.

Special Guests: Highlight from Presentation

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Follow up request: Share this form with your community network (though please do not share this via Social Media, instead sharing via email).

Commissioners share the form to the leaders of community organizations in your networks if any of the above scenarios apply to them

(available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/37S6ZTR>). Please note that this form is being distributed via multiple channels, and your network might receive it from multiple sources, which is ok.

Meeting Summary and thoughts about how KAAAC can work together moving forward
Partners in improving COVID-related equitable outcomes for Kansans of color.

Key issues faced by African American Kansan community:

- Seeking improved data to inform vaccine efforts (e.g., race & ethnicity reporting by county)
- Young Black Kansans are most hesitant/resistant to VX; need to reach them through the channels they engage with, which tend to be social media
- Overarching need for continuing education on vaccine safety, combating misinformation and historical mistrust as well as on how to access Vx
- Trust is key - message needs to come from trusted sources, often from inside the communities

Efforts to address some of these issues:

- KDHE now publishes race & ethnicity as well as age-based data for vaccine administration, [found here](#).
- The COVAC group, renamed the Kansas COVID Vaccine Equity Task Force, to advise KDHE, the Governor's Office, and other Agencies on equity focused efforts.
- Working to boost communications. Working with Kansas-based marketing vendor MB Piland on broad PSAs, while also working with the Kansas Leadership Center to activate champions to spread messaging directly into their communities. KDHE publishes resources for community groups to [download and use here](#), if useful. Will be working to further expand this site in the coming weeks.
- Governor Kelly has now expanded vaccine access to all Kansans by entering Phase 5. While this ensures vaccine availability, our next step is improving access by removing barriers. Working with KDHE to target vaccine distribution to Kansas' most vulnerable communities through use of mobile sites. More information on this in the coming days/week.

Questions:

1. Would any of you like to be part of the Kansas COVID Vaccine Equity Task Force? Meetings should be starting the week of April 12th and will be monthly.
2. Continuing and regular engagements with your Commissions; is there a regular meeting we can plan or an existing meeting I can join?
3. As we work to bring mobile vaccine sites to socially vulnerable communities, we would greatly value your thought partnership and local support. Is there a best person or group I should coordinate with as various needs arise?

Action Item: Executive Director Cox is to forward communications received from Dr. Garcia

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<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-capital-investment-program>

Under the program, Treasury will provide up to \$9 billion in capital directly to depository institutions that are certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) or minority depository institutions (MDIs) to, among other things, provide loans, grants, and forbearance for small businesses, minority-owned businesses, and consumers, especially in low-income and underserved communities, that may be disproportionately impacted by the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Treasury will set aside \$2 billion for CDFIs and MDIs with less than \$500 million in assets and an additional \$2 billion for CDFIs and MDIs with less than \$2 billion in assets.

Action Item: Executive Director is to forward Commissioner Westbrook's Mr. Anderson's contact information.

Action Item: Connect Mr. Anderson to the African American Legislators

I. Commissioner District Reports/Updates

II. Executive Director Update

Outstanding Action: New: Recruitment of technical advisors and commitment of Commissioners to chair one of the five KAAAC areas of focus:

- Schools and Educational Opportunity
- Health and Safe Communities
- Economic Opportunity and Asset Building
- Criminalization and Social Justice
- Civic Leadership and Advocacy

Motion: Postpone Commissioners Report until the next meeting- Dr. New – 2nd – Elmore

Announcements

Follow-up African American Literacy Coalition

III. Adjournment 5:35