

# MINUTES

## MMA Public Health and Minority & Cross Cultural Affairs Joint Committee Meeting Monday, October 17, 2011, 6 pm, MMA Offices

### Members Present

Amy Gilbert, MD  
Dionne Hart, MD  
Juan Bowen, MD  
Armantina Espinosa, MD  
Stephanie Stanton, MD  
Nicole Loo, MD  
Ma Khin Pyi Son  
Beth Baker, MD  
Laurel Hansen, MD  
Alexander Levitan, MD  
Mark Liebow, MD  
Kathryn Lombardo, MD  
Douglas Pryce, MD  
Christopher Reif, MD  
Rahul Suresh

### Members Absent

Raymond Christensen, MD  
David Agerter, MD  
Tiffany Beckman, MD  
Edwin Bogonko, MD  
Ramona DeJesus, MD  
Fatima Jiwa, MD  
Deborah McCarl, MD  
Elena Polukhin, MD  
Laura Gorsuch  
Vincent Garry, MD  
Michael Garvis, MD  
Rahel Ghebre, MD  
Luciano Kolodny, MD  
Susan Roe, MD  
Warren Warwick, MD  
Aravind Sugumar, MD  
Kashmira Chawla

### Guests Present

James Hart, MD

### Staff Present

Britta Orr  
Scott Smith

## I. Call to Order, Introductions & Minutes

The following motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To approve the June 16, 2011 Public Health Committee minutes and the May 4, 2011 Minority & Cross Cultural Affairs Committee minutes.

## II. Committee Overviews

Each chair described the recent activities of their committees.

## III. Brainstorming, Discussion & Planning

The full group brainstormed about possible areas of collaboration and found that both committees had an interest in educating physicians about the need to screen certain high-risk immigrant populations for Hepatitis B. The committees agreed to form a work group charged with crafting a communications action plan and timeline for educating physicians about the topic, with one of the work products being a clinical article for Minnesota Medicine. The work group would also explore ways to work directly with immigrant communities. Doctors Loo, Pryce, Bowen, D. Hart, and Stanton volunteered to serve on the work group.

#### **IV. Future Meetings**

The next meeting of the Public Health Committee will be in January 2012, but is not yet scheduled. The next meeting of the Minority & Cross Cultural Affairs Committee is scheduled for February 1, 2012. The two committees agreed to a schedule including an annual joint meeting in October at which the committees would attend to their own separate business during the first hour and come together for a joint meeting during the second hour. The committees would also form ad hoc work groups to address joint projects when appropriate.