



RESOLUTION #19-549

December 4, 2019

It is hereby resolved by the Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County Board of Health to adopt a Health Equity in All Policies approach to improve population health in Montgomery County as set forth in the resolution.

WHEREAS, the mission of Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County (Public Health) is to improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Public Health is that Montgomery County is a healthy, safe and thriving community; and

WHEREAS, a guiding principle of Public Health is that we are committed to health equity; and

WHEREAS, Public Health's 2019 Community Health Assessment describes the health of our county and identifies key factors that contribute to our public health challenges; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Community Health Assessment identifies historical disparities in health outcomes among population groups and communities; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County's White population enjoys a longer lifespan, has more economic stability, experiences less burden of preventable disease and violence, and benefits from better access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County's Black, Asian, Native American and other minority populations and individuals of Hispanic and other ethnicities fare much worse and have less opportunity to be healthy; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County's minority and low-income communities and marginalized populations suffer years of productive life lost and excess burden of disease and death attributable to heart disease, cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, STDs, infant mortality, and violence; and

WHEREAS, many of the diseases and conditions that contribute to health disparities are preventable and are due to modifiable factors associated with clinical care, social, economic and physical environments, and health behaviors; and

WHEREAS, these modifiable factors are referred to as Social Determinants of Health; and

WHEREAS, key Social Determinants of Health include access to care, education, employment, housing, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, key drivers of health inequities include poverty, racism, discrimination, adverse childhood experiences, trauma, violence and toxic stress; and

WHEREAS, Public Health serves as the chief health strategy organization in Montgomery County to promote population health improvement and health equity; and

WHEREAS, Public Health is charged with engaging stakeholders in population health improvement planning to reduce the leading causes of preventable disease and premature death, reaching out to underserved populations and promoting health equity; and

WHEREAS, the public health challenges facing Montgomery County underscore the urgent need for all stakeholders to address Social Determinants of Health to reduce health inequities and disparities in health outcomes;

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Health of Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County does hereby adopt a Health Equity in All Policies approach to improve population health.

Public Health will apply an “equity lens” in population health improvement planning and will adopt a Health Equity in All Policies approach to incorporate health and equity considerations into decision-making on policies, programs and services; and

Public Health will promote the use of Health Impact Assessments, ordinances and executive orders among stakeholders as strategies to achieve Health Equity in All Policies; and

Public Health will use a Health Equity in All Policies approach to develop the 2020-2022 Community Health Improvement Plan; and

Public Health issues a call to action to all community stakeholders to incorporate health and equity considerations into decision-making on policies, programs and services.

Moved by Mr. Orr

Seconded by Ms. Meadows

Roll Call: Dr. Block, yea; Mr. Downing, yea; Ms. Lepore-Jentleson, yea; Dr. LeRoy, yea; Ms. Meadows, yea; Dr. Orłowski, yea; Mr. Orr, yea; Dr. Rhodes, yea; Mr. Sims, yea. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Resolution passed by the Board of Health at its regularly scheduled meeting held

December 4, 2019

Date



Jeffrey A. Cooper, MS
Health Commissioner