

Notice of Commission Board Policy Changes

At the March 30, 2001 Board Meeting of the Commission on Minority Health, actions were approved concerning Participation in Health Fairs and Sponsorship/Co-sponsorship of Events. These policies became effective March 30, 2001.

Participation in Health Fairs

Since the Commission is not a direct provider of services, the use of time and resources participating in local events may not be a good use of limited resources. The Commission may participate in health fairs or similar formats if:

1. The event has a regional or statewide focus;
2. Targets professional, community and/or ethnic populations the Commission desires to reach; and
3. The Executive Director or the Chairman of the Board deems that such participation would be of value to the community and/or the Commission.

Co-sponsorship/Sponsorship of Events

1. Any grant requests be formalized and published in HUE to assure that agencies and/or organizations have equal access to Commission support and participation.
2. Co-sponsorship may be supported from operations or subsidy line items of the budget.
3. Support from the operations line item is at the discretion of the Executive Director and will be limited to cooperative efforts with Departments, Boards, or Commissions at the state and federal level and private groups, e.g. Foundations, etc.
4. Community efforts should be regional or statewide in focus and must not be services or activities that meet the criteria of Commission grants programs unless there are extenuating circumstances specific to the needs of a group (e.g. ethnic, cultural) that do not conform to the Commission's funding cycles.
5. In general, the Commission will not consider requests for:
 - Health fairs
 - Conference fees, meals
 - Publications exclusive of the Commission grants program
 - Equipment
 - Entertainment
 - Matching funds

Community Enhancement Initiative applications will be accepted in January of each year. Staff will review requests and a formal recommendation will be made to the Board at the January meeting. For more information, contact the Commission at (614) 466-4000.