

OCMH Grantee Abstracts

Local Offices on Minority Health Grantees

Offices of Minority Health are funded in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown. The local offices are not an extension of the Commission but rather a collaborative arrangement among the entities. These entities afford the Commission to have a local presence to address health disparities. LOMH's are required to implement an action plan to meet the national core competencies. These core issues are as follows: monitor health status; inform, educate and empower people; mobilize community partnerships and action; and develop policies and plans to support health efforts. The intended outcomes are to provide a local presence for issues of minority health, coordinate Commission funded initiatives, strengthen the ability to pursue national funding and serve as a mechanism for local governments to collect consistent data.

Grantee Agency: Cleveland Department of Public Health

Project Title: Cleveland Local Office on Minority Health

The Cleveland Local Office on Minority Health is dedicated to eliminating disparities and achieving equal health status among Cleveland's minority populations through innovative strategies focusing on:

- Monitoring and reporting the health status of minority populations:
- Informing, educating, and empowering people
- Mobilizing community partnerships and actions
- Developing policies and plans to support health efforts

In collaboration with a REEP evaluator, the Cleveland Local Office on Minority Health adheres to standardized processes to measure outcomes for strategies aimed at eliminating disparities and improving health for Cleveland residents.

Grantee Agency: Columbus Public Health

Project Title: Office of Minority Health at Columbus Public Health

The Office of Minority Health at Columbus Public Health (OMHCPH) is dedicated to eliminating disparities and achieving equal health status among Columbus' minority populations through innovative strategies focusing on:

- Monitoring and reporting the health status of minority populations:
- Informing, educating, and empowering people
- Mobilizing community partnerships and actions
- Developing policies and plans to support health efforts

In collaboration with a REEP evaluator, the OMHCPH adheres to standardized processes to measure outcomes for strategies aimed at eliminating disparities and improving health for Columbus residents. The OMHCPH has an important responsibility in leading efforts to educate citizens and professionals on imperative health care issues by:

- Serving as a mechanism for local governments to produce consistent data sets representative of the diversity in Columbus
- Providing a local presence for issues of minority health in Columbus
- Institutionalizing the effort to eliminate health disparities within the city
- Serving as a conduit of information for trends and emerging concerns between the Commission of Minority Health and local communities

The top health concerns OMHCPH address include:

- Unequal Rates of Poor Birth Outcomes- Infant Mortality
- Unequal Rates of Infectious Disease- Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Syphilis, Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS
- Unequal Rates of Chronic Disease and Health Behaviors- Smoking and Tobacco Use, Obesity, Diabetes, Asthma, High Blood Pressure
- Unequal Rates of Mortality- Diabetes, Homicide, Chronic Kidney Disease

Grantee Agency: Lucas County Regional Health District

Project Title : Toledo-Lucas County Commission on Minority Health

Founded in 1998, The Toledo-Lucas County Commission on Minority Health is a coalition of concerned citizens, professionals, and community organizations who work to end health disparities and promote healthy racial and ethnic minority populations in Toledo and Lucas County.

Our Vision: “Healthy and thriving racial and ethnic minority populations in Toledo and Lucas County, Ohio.”

Our Mission: “To improve the health and quality of life of African-Americans, Latinos, Asians, Native Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities through education, collaboration, capacity building, program funding, and outcome evaluation.”

Grantee Agency: Public Health- Dayton and Montgomery County

Project Title: Dayton and Montgomery County Local Office on Minority Health

The Dayton Council on Health Equity is working to reduce health disparities and achieve health equity by increasing community awareness of population health status, health disparities, and factors that influence health equity and health outcomes. Montgomery County, Ohio has a population of 535,000, which includes 112,000 African Americans (21%), 9,000 Asians, 12,000 Hispanics, 12,000 Two or More Races, and other minorities. The community is very culturally diverse; over 50 languages are spoken in the home by area residents (Center of Disease Control).

According to the 2014 Community Health Assessment, significant health disparities exist between the populations. The target populations served by the program are African Americans, Asians, Latinos, Native Americans, and other racial/ethnic groups, and the community’s underserved population. The core competencies, which derive from the Local Public Health Standards Essential Services, include monitoring minority health status to identify community health programs; serving as a clearinghouse for minority health related reports, studies and data; informing, educating, and empowering people about health issues; mobilizing community partnership to identify and solve health problems, engage the minority community; examining, supporting, and developing policies that

impact health. Program goals and objectives are routinely reviewed and outputs and outcomes are documented. The Program Coordinator and Program Evaluator discuss processes and outcomes objectives and proposed measures. Surveys are used to determine changes in attitude, knowledge, confidence, skill and values.

Grantee Agency: Summit County Combined General Health District

Project Title: Summit County Local Office on Minority Health

The Summit County Local Office on Minority Health is dedicated to eliminating disparities and achieving equal health status among Summit County's minority populations through innovative strategies focusing on:

- Monitoring and reporting the health status of minority populations:
- Informing, educating, and empowering people
- Mobilizing community partnerships and actions
- Developing policies and plans to support health efforts

In collaboration with a REEP evaluator, the Summit County Local Office on Minority Health adheres to standardized processes to measure outcomes for strategies aimed at eliminating disparities and improving health for Summit County residents. The Summit County Local Office has an important responsibility in leading efforts to educate citizens and professionals on imperative health care issues by:

- Serving as a mechanism for local governments to produce consistent data sets representative of the diversity in Summit County
- Providing a local presence for issues of minority health in Summit County
- Institutionalizing the effort to eliminate health disparities within the county
- Serving as a conduit of information for trends and emerging concerns between the Commission of Minority Health and local communities

Grantee Agency: Youngstown Office on Minority Health

Project Title: Youngstown Office on Minority Health

The Youngstown Office on Minority Health (YLOMH) and its Advisory Council are responsible for identifying health disparities in the Mahoning Valley and addressing ways to inform, educate and empower the community to narrow the gap on those disparities.

The YLOMH follows the four core competencies, established by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, as a guide to answer the problem of health disparities in our community. Those four core competencies are as follows: By first, Monitoring the health status of the community. Secondly, to inform, educate and empower the community. Thirdly, to mobilize community partners. Lastly to help initiate policies and procedures that support systemic change that promotes health equity for everyone.