

African-American Affairs Commission  
 Draft Minutes for July 22, 2009  
 State Capitol - Old Judiciary Room

Present:

**Commissioner** Kristen Clark  
**Commissioner** Brenda DelGado  
**Commissioner** Rosetta Jones  
**Commissioner** George Logan  
**Commissioner** Derrick McBride

**Commissioner** Fred Pierre-Louis,  
**Commissioner** Alphonse Wright  
**Commissioner** Stephanie Moore  
**Commissioner** Diana Washington

Absent:

**Commissioner** Ngozi Taffe

Also Present: AAAC Executive Director Glenn Cassis, AAAC Public Affairs/Special Projects Coordinator, Biree Andemariam, MD. University of Connecticut Health Center, Roger Thrall, M.D., Ph.D. – University of Connecticut Health Center, Virginia Pertillar – Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care, Inc., Delores Williams- Edwards and Vincent Edwards – Sickle Cell Disease Association of America of Southern Connecticut

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Meeting called to order	<b>5:50 p.m.</b>	Chairperson George Logan
Public Comment	<p>Delores Williams- Edwards gave an overview of the organization's activities and outreach, particularly with respect to schools and youth. She stressed the need for public information and education about sickle cell disease.</p> <p>Virginia Pertillar introduced herself as the new Executive Director for Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care, Inc and expressed the desire to continue to work collaboratively with the Commission.</p> <p>Doctors Thrall and Andemariam answered questions about sickle cell disease, adult sickle cell</p>	<p>Delores Williams- Edwards - Executive Director –Sickle Cell Disease Association of America of Southern Connecticut</p> <p>Virginia Pertillar – Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care, Inc.</p> <p>Roger Thrall, M.D., Ph.D. – University of Connecticut Health Center</p> <p>Biree Andemariam, MD. University of Connecticut Health Center,</p>

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	care, Connecticut's deficiencies in adult sickle cell treatment availability and access.	
Approval of June 3, 2009 Minutes	<p>Approved</p> <p>Commissioner Wright commented that he opened the meeting and that the minutes should reflect the time and fact of the Chair's presiding. Commissioner Clark requested the aforementioned information be inserted after the Public Comments section subject to the Executive Director's verification.</p> <p>Commissioner Wright requested consistency in recording motions in board minutes.</p>	Motion to Approve Minutes As amended Commissioner Pierre -Louis 2 <sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Wright
Treasurer's Report	Mr. Cassis stated there was no report from the Office of Legislative Management, since the State currently does not have a budget.	G. Cassis
Executive Director's Report	<p>The Executive Director Report was distributed and key activities highlighted. Additionally he distributed the Executive Committee Meeting notes from July 15<sup>th</sup>. He further stated that due to the absence of a State budget, mileage expenses could not be immediately reimbursed, but encouraged Commissioners to complete necessary forms.</p> <p>Notification policy and procedures regarding Commissioners missed board meetings were discussed.</p> <p>Upon inquiry, Mr. Cassis provided information about the uncertain status of the Commission precipitated by the current budget deficit, and acknowledged the likelihood of a significant budget reduction.</p>	G. Cassis

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	<p>Mr. Cassis noted that merger and elimination were also possibilities.</p> <p>Commissioner Clark suggested notifying legislators regarding fiscal support for the AAAC.</p>	Commissioner Clark
Education Committee Report	No Report	Commissioner Pierre Louis
Health Committee Report	No Report	Commissioner Wright
Legislative Committee Report	<p>No Report</p> <p>The Legislative and Administrative Priorities were distributed</p>	Commissioner Pierre Louis G. Cassis
Resolutions	None	
Old Business	No Comments	
New Business	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Op – Ed: No response from the Connecticut Post</p>	G. Cassis

Upcoming Events	Gospel Fest - August 1, 2009 – New Haven Movie – Night (Organ Donation) July 30, 2009 - Union Baptist Church/ Donate Life	G. Cassis
Adjournment	6:57 p.m.	Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Pierre Louis 2nd Commissioner McBride Approved

Respectfully Submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl Harris Forbes  
Public Affairs/Special Projects Coordinator

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner  
AAAC Secretary