



**Lighting the Way  
to Eliminate  
Health Disparities**



**The Road to Healthy Living**  
**OMHHD**  
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## OMHHD Advisory Committee functions to...

### Center for Health Advancement (CHA) Jane Costello, MPH, BS

Maintain a communication bridge between CHA and OMHHD to ensure that programs:

- Address minority populations, minority health issues and health disparities wherever possible when programs apply for funding, develop work plans or set goals and objectives.
- Use OMHHD as a resource for up-to-date information on minority health and health disparities in general.
- Use OMHHD to establish new connections within minority communities.
- Raise awareness of learning opportunities (e.g., cultural awareness training) offered by OMHHD.
- Promote ADH/OMHHD goals with respect to minority health and tailor activities to support them whenever possible.

### Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Alindria Carroll, BS, MPH

Act as a liaison between PHL and OMHHD to foster education and raise awareness of health disparities; bridge the gap between disparities and equity; and, strengthen partnerships to improve health communication.

### Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP) Gordon Reeve, PhD

Analyze data on minority populations to provide a holistic picture in order to help internal/external partners establish program priorities and make data-driven decisions for minority populations they serve.

### Center for Local Public Health (CLPH) Zenobia Harris, DNP, MPH, BSN, RN

- Keep the Center abreast of activities, goals and objectives of OMHHD.
- Advocate for the ongoing assessment of the impact of ADH policies and programs on special populations and health disparities.
- Promote integrated approaches, best practices and evidence-based programs to reduce health disparities in the communities served by local public health departments in Arkansas.

### Center for Health Protection (CHP) Vicky Jones, MEd, CHES (Ret.)

- Keep the Center abreast and focused on minority issues and health disparities.
- Assist CHP Branches in addressing these issues and participate with the OMHHD to plan, develop, and implement activities and events that reduce health disparities.

### Office of the Director (OD) Xavier Heard, BA

- Represent and provide leadership to the OD's Executive Management Council on ways to influence agency-wide goals and policies to reduce health disparities.
- Provide input into the Arkansas Department Health's Strategic Plan that represents a clear, formal and measurable focus on minority health and health disparities.