



Benefits and Burdens: Transportation and Equity

A Joint Meeting of the HCTF and Futures Group

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 11AM – 12PM

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AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

DVRPC planning staff from the Futures Group and Healthy Communities Task Force will welcome attendees and introduce the guest speakers.

An Update from the Pennsylvania Office of Health Equity

David Saunders, Director, Office of Health Equity will discuss his work at the Pennsylvania Department of Health and draw some of the connections between transportation, equity, and health.

Benefits and Burdens: Case Studies in Transportation Equity

Graduates of Temple University's Masters of Public Policy and Masters of City and Regional Planning will summarize their analyses of transportation equity in the region, and the recommendations made to ensure that there are equitable outcomes for future transportation projects in the region.

Time will be allotted for Q&A following each presentation.

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SPEAKER BIOS

David Saunders

Director, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Office of Health Equity.



In May of 2016 David Saunders joined the Pennsylvania Department of Health as the Director of Health Equity. In addition to more than 30 years of non-profit management experience, David brings with him extensive knowledge in the fields of education, public health, disparities and youth development.

He has collaborated on health disparity reduction initiatives, developed cutting edge programs targeting underserved communities, and established state training institutes; collaborating with state, county and local officials.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Lincoln University and a Master's in Education from the Pennsylvania State University. He comes to the Commonwealth after serving as School Health Education consultant with the California Department of Education and having held leadership positions at the American Cancer Society, and YMCA.

In April 2020 David took on the massive task of developing a collective response to COVID 19 and the implications of the pandemic on vulnerable populations in the Commonwealth. 15 population groups were explored from a variety of angles using 12 stakeholder groups with an eclectic membership including government, academia, non-profit, and healthcare. 69 recommendations were developed that seek to mitigate the effects of the pandemic both now and in the future. This group continues to meet with the hope to one day soon pivot to becoming an arm in the movement to eliminate health disparities.

Mark Morley

Transportation Planner, DVRPC.



Mark is a Transportation Planner in the Office of Mobility Analysis and Design at DVRPC. He is a recent graduate of Temple's City and Regional Planning Master's program. His interests lie at the intersection of data and design, believing that each should inform the other to improve planning outcomes. He is a regular on a few of the region's Circuit Trails, preferring to punctuate his rides with coffee and pierogies. He can be reached at mmorley@dvrpc.org.