

**New American/Foreign Born/Immigrant Advisory Board**  
**January 25, 2021 – 6:00PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance**

Beverly	Anaele
Ray	Osadolar
Alicia	Belay
Krissie	Guerard
Stella	Jana
Melissa	Kainz
Hamzat	Koriko
Bini	Kouadjo
Analena	Lunde
Isabel	Lopez
Rwatie	Matsika
Nkolika	Nwankwo
Ray	Osadolar
Monica	Soto
Reggie	Tarr
Jasper	Teboh
Sara	Uppgren
Ahmed	Makaran

**Agenda Items**

**• State Updates – Alicia Belay**

- Alicia emailed out two documents last week to the group. A strategic plan for COVID 19 created by the Health Equity Office and a copy of a survey that will be sent out to HIV positive individuals in ND.
- Created a COVID resource link from our HE webpage with many translated documents.
- Will be modifying the mission and board duties to include the co-chair attending the Health Equity meetings every other month and the State Health Equity Board.

**• Economic Resiliency Grant (ERG): Conclusions and next steps – Cortnee Jensen, Department of Commerce**

- 3,000 applications went through the process and the reviews were done by an outside 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- Most applications did not get funded for the full amount.
- Email contact is important, and it will be important to have someone who speaks the language.

- **Reports from Task Forces – Bini Kouadjo**

- Putting together a memorandum for all members of the NFI board.
- The taskforce consists of Bini, Ray, Geraldine, Vanessa. One additional individual was involved but resigned from the NFI Advisory Board
- Hamzat and Alicia decided to call the memorandum a “Statement of Intent.”
- Analena would be interested in helping with the statement of intent. Anyone else who would like to join, please contact Bini, Alicia or Hamzat.

- **Setting agenda items/discussion of next month’s meeting**

- A staff member from the Injury Prevention Program will be joining us in February to talk about some programs they have that specifically target New Americans.

- **Next meeting/adjourn**

- Monday, February 22, 2021.