MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kennedy    Dr. Trachtenbarg
Ms. Harant     Dr. Na’allah
Dr. Agarwal    Dr. Armer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Monica Hendrickson, Public Health Administrator
Dr. Leslie McKnight, Director of Community Health Policy & Planning
Amy Roberts, Administrative Assistant
Chris Wade, IL Public Health Association
Pastor Marvin Hightower, President of NAACP Peoria Branch

Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Ms. Harant.

Suspension of Bylaws to Conduct Board of Health Meeting Virtually
Dr. Na’allah made a motion to suspend the bylaws to conduct the Board of Health Strategic Planning Committee virtually. Motion was seconded by Dr. Agarwal. Motion carried (4,0).

Introductions were done by Chris Wade of Illinois Public Health Association and Pastor Marvin Hightower, the President of the NAACP Peoria Branch.

Public Comments
There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Kennedy entered the meeting at 5:32 pm.

Racism: A Public Health Crisis Position Statement
Ms. Hendrickson stated that during the previous Board of Health meeting the conversation was around making sure everyone is on the same level of what a position statement is. Ms. Hendrickson appreciated the different information and resources that Mr. Wade had sent to the Board. She stated that a position statement is informational, it’s why we feel that this is an issue, what we feel can change it, and is broader scope. A resolution is when you get to the how we’re making those changes, what we are moving forward, and what direction we’re going in. A declaration could be as simple as the Board of Health President declaring a public health crisis, but not necessarily stating the data around it or items for moving forward. This is a position statement, but a resolution would be the next step. Ms. Hendrickson shared Illinois Public Health Association’s Resolution, Racism: A Public Health Crisis. Pastor Hightower shared that he would like to see something stronger than a position statement come from Peoria.

Dr. Armer entered the meeting at 5:53 pm.

Ms. Harant asked Committee members for their feedback and they discussed what should be in the position statement. Ms. Hendrickson stated that a position statement typically comes first with addressing the community of why this is an issue, then after your findings from your position statement, you can focus on a strategy, then follow up with a request in a resolution. If
everything was stripped out of the position statement, the focus would be the Board recognizing racism as a health issue and that an equitable approach is best practice for addressing it. There was discussion around the definition of racism and which definition is needed in the position statement. The Committee members decided that they would go with a 2 part approach, to start with a position statement, then see what they find after that, with a possible resolution following. Ms. Hendrickson stated we’re looking at this position statement as addressing the outcomes of racism and through an equitable approach. This will not stop racism from happening, this alleviates the burden in terms of outcomes from racism.

The Committee members will get their comments and edits to Ms. Roberts by the end of the day on Monday, June 29th to be looked at again at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Thursday, July 2nd.

**Adjournment**
Being no further business, Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Armmer seconded. Motion carried (6,0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.