

# **WREN** The Washington Regional Equity Network

Regional Health Equity Working Group  
Monday, November 5, 2007, 1-2:30 PM

## **Meeting Participants:**

Tracy Bienenfeld- DCASHC  
Suja V. Carter- Cafritz Foundation  
Alphonso C. Coles  
Don Edwards- WREN  
Phyllis Kaye- Regional Primary Care Coalition  
Vinnie Lafronza- CommonHealth ACTION  
Matt Larsen- WREN  
Patricia Mathews- Northern Virginia Health Foundation  
William Reidy- DCDMH  
Martha Ross- Brookings Institution  
Aieda Solomon- WREN  
Jean White

## **Summary:**

Don Edwards opened the meeting by introducing WREN. Meeting participants introduced themselves and their organizations and took time to discuss their interest in a regional health equity working group as it relates to their work. Meeting participants agreed that addressing regional health equity issues requires a more complete picture of regional healthcare, and that several efforts are underway to collect that data. The group agreed that more inter-discipline collaboration was needed between health specialists and those in the fields of urban planning, corrections, education, etc.

**Listen to a meeting recording** on the WREN website at:  
<http://www.washingtonregionalequity.net/pastnetworkmeetings.html>

## **Discussion- Questions addressed:**

- 1) Is there a resource for regional health data? What is the missing data? How can existing data sets be used to effectively analyze health issues on a regional level?
- 2) How can we promote collaboration amongst those working on regional health issues? How do we promote working outside of silos?
- 3) Who should we be working with in order to successfully address regional health equity issues? What other sectors should be involved?

**Next Steps:** Meeting participants will talk to people in their networks about regional health equity issues and brainstorm about whom else should be invited to the table. WREN staff will contact meeting participants about reconvening in early December 2007.