

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 6

RESOLUTION NO. 59 - 2019

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dr. Carlessia Hussein to the Board of Health.

Introduced and read first time on May 6, 2019.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on May 20, 2019.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on June 3, 2019.

Certified by Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Carlessia A. Hussein, RN, BS, MS, D.Ph.
Health Equity Visionary

Education:

Graduate - Executive Enrichment Program, Harvard University, MA - 1987
 Doctor of Public Health – University of California, Berkeley – 1977
 Master of Science – Community Health Nursing, UC San Francisco – 1967
 Bachelors of Science – School of Nursing, UC San Francisco – 1966
 Registered Nurse – Freedmen’s Hospital School of Nursing, DC – 1957.

Dr. Hussein Post Retirement 2015 – 2019:

- Chair, Howard County Board of Health; advisory to the County Health Department; County Executive and County Council; focus on health data and health disparities
- Philanthropist: Carlessia Hussein Minority Youth Opportunity Fund; Scholarship programs in Howard County and Baltimore City to provide opportunities to middle-school minority boys in poor families; 97 awards Howard County/8 awards Baltimore
- Health Disparities Advisor to Maryland legislators during legislative session; assists in monitoring health equity trends and best practices in other states for Maryland
- Vice President, Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation focused on education and promoting the role of women in government, and the welfare of children
- Chair, Johns Hopkins Accountable Care Organization (ACO), The Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC); focused on promoting patient-centered programs and services
- Board Member, MedStar Health Research Institute; focus on promoting community engagement with research and philanthropy; 10 hospitals, 4.3 million outpatient visits.

Selected Professional Positions: 1973-2014 Retirement Maryland State Government 2014

- Director, Maryland Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities 2004-2014
- Director, Maryland Tobacco Settlement Program 2000-2010
- Director, Local & Family Health Administration, MD State Health Dept. 1996-2000
- Chief, Office of Health Planning & Development, DC Government 1991-1995
- Deputy Commissioner, District of Columbia Public Health Department 1989-1991
- Deputy Health Director, Los Angeles County Forestry & Fire Department 1984
- Executive Director, Health Planning Agencies: California/Washington DC 1977-1988
- Research Director, UC Berkeley, School of Public Health, Hypertension Control 74-76
- Associate Dean & Nursing Chairperson, UC Berkeley School of Public Health 71-73.

Carlessia A. Hussein
RN, BS, MS, D.Ph.

Selected Accomplishments:

- Assisted in development and implementation of Maryland Health Improvement and Disparities Reduction Act 2012; led to establishment of five Health Enterprise Zones.
- Published three Health Disparities Reduction Plans and individual health profiles for Hispanic, Asian, American Indian and African Americans in Maryland; 2008-2012.
- Established Maryland's Minority Health Network of locally funded health disparities programs (a statewide network of diverse Health professionals and advocates); 2000.
- Implemented/managed Tobacco Settlement Program in Maryland; funded cancer research (Hopkins/U. Maryland), local health departments education programs, and cancer awareness/screening/reduction of related disparities. Achieved increased cancer awareness and screening, reduced cancer screening disparities; 2000-2010.
- Led team that established the DC Public Health Sub-Regional Office in the City to expedite federal grants & technical assistance to address structural challenges; 1989.
- As DC Health Planning & Development Director, Negotiated/approved Certificate of Need for organ transplant in DC &VA (Washington Hospital Center, Howard University and Northern Virginia Health System); 1987. Negotiated/approved Certificate of Need for Washington Rehabilitation Hospital construction; 1985.
- Instituted role for a Deputy Health Fire Chief position in Los Angeles County Fire Department, liaison to hospitals and monitored/promoted health of firefighters, served as first incumbent & Received Honorary Fire Chief recognition; 1984.
- Established University of California School of Public Health Minority Recruitment and Retention Program that increased African American and American Indian student enrollment; 1972. Served as Chair of the Nursing MPH program; 1971-1973.