Executive Order 14283: White House Initiative to Promote Excellence and Innovation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Listening Session

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Office of Minority Health (OMH)

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Welcome & Opening Remarks







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Office of Minority Health Vision and Mission

Vision

All individuals, families and communities are healthy and thriving.

Mission

To provide national leadership, resources, and coordination to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations and American Indians and Alaska Natives and eliminate health disparities.



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How We Accomplish Our Mission

Chronic Disease Initiatives	**Addressing chronic diseases through innovative community-based grants and initiatives focused on prevention and improving health outcomes**
Knowledge, Resource, & Data Dissemination	**Disseminating minority health information to share best practices, health related data, up-to-date resources and news, and policy updates**
Provider Education & Training	**Training healthcare professionals to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate information on nutrition, physical activity, and healthy lifestyles**
Strategic Partnerships	**Establishing and leveraging strategic partnerships to reverse chronic diseases and improve health outcomes**
Community Engagement	**Engaging the voices of those we serve to guide programmatic development**

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PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION AT HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Executive Orders | April 23, 2025

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) remain integral to American students' pursuit of prosperity and wellbeing, providing the pathway to a career

Primary Missions of EO 14283

Mission #1: Expand Private-Sector Engagement

- Increase the role of businesses, philanthropic organizations, and private foundations in supporting HBCUs through:
  - Institutional planning, development, and financial sustainability
  - Modernization of infrastructure and technology
  - Workforce development and career pathways in high-growth industries

Mission #2: Enhance HBCU Capacity to Serve Young Adults

- Advance innovation, student success, and institutional excellence through:
  - Strategic partnerships and research opportunities
  - Improved access to funding and resources
  - Sharing best practices and promoting HBCU visibility and impact



Link: Federal Register EO14283

Purpose of the Listening Session

Purpose: To provide a forum to provide input in support of EO 14283 in the context of health-related priorities, challenges, and opportunities facing HBCUs.

Listening Session Discussion Topics

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Theme #1: Best Practices for Advancing Health Through HBCU–Private Sector Partnerships	Theme #2: Challenges and Approaches for Successfully Competing for HHS Federal Funding (i.e., Contracts and Grants)	Theme #3: Suggestions on How OMH Can Support Your Institution's Health-Related Priorities

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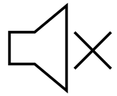
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Please **use the raise hand feature to indicate your turn** to speak. When acknowledged by the moderator, please state your name, institution, and role before responding to the question.



Please **limit comments to 2 minutes** to allow others the chance to contribute. We encourage each institution to **coordinate responses based on individual areas of expertise.**



Please **mute** yourself **when not speaking**.



Chat is open - please **feel free to leave comments**.



This is a safe and collaborative space. Please respect the perspectives, experiences, and contributions of all participants.

Open Dialogue Theme 1: Share Successful Strategies and Best Practices for Partnerships Between HBCUs and the Private-sector that Advance Health-related Initiatives

Discussion Questions:

1. What strategies have been effective in building and sustaining successful partnerships with private-sector organizations or foundations that advance your institution's health-related priorities (e.g., identifying partners with shared priorities, cultivating long-term relationships, engaging institutional leadership, establishing clear roles and expectations, or demonstrating mutual value and impact)?

2. Can you share an example of a private-sector or foundation partnership that has had a meaningful impact on your institution's health-related initiatives? What made the partnership successful, and what outcomes did it achieve?

3. What opportunities exist to strengthen or expand partnerships between HBCUs and the private-sector to better advance health-related education, research, workforce development, student well-being, or community health (e.g., paid internships and apprenticeships, research collaborations, scholarships and fellowships, technology partnerships, or investments in campus and community health initiatives)?

Open Dialogue Theme 2: Discuss Challenges and Promising Approaches for Successfully Competing for HHS Federal Funding (i.e., Contracts and Grants)

Discussion Questions:

1. What strategies have been effective in helping your institution successfully compete for HHS federal funding opportunities, including contracts and grants (e.g., identifying funding opportunities early, developing competitive proposals, aligning projects with agency priorities, or engaging stakeholders during proposal development)?
2. What institutional capacities or partnerships have been critical to your success in securing and managing HHS federal funding (e.g., grant development, research infrastructure, faculty expertise, collaborations, or leadership support)?
3. What promising practices or lessons learned would you share with other HBCUs seeking to strengthen their competitiveness for HHS federal funding (e.g., building a culture of research, starting with smaller funding opportunities, fostering cross-campus collaboration, engaging community partners early, or developing long-term funding strategies)?

Open Dialogue Theme 3: Suggestions on How OMH Can Support Your Institution's Health-related Priorities

Discussion Questions:

1. What approaches have been effective in helping your institution identify and engage with HHS programs, initiatives, and partnership opportunities (e.g., direct outreach, relationships with HHS staff, webinars, listservs, conferences, peer networks, or partnerships with other institutions)?
2. What opportunities exist for OMH to enhance HBCUs' access to federal resources, strategic partnerships, and public health initiatives (e.g., increasing awareness of opportunities, streamlining communications, enhancing technical assistance, strengthening institutional connections, or improving access to resources)?
3. What are the top three actions OMH could take to strengthen HBCU engagement with HHS programs, resources, and partnership opportunities (e.g., convening HBCUs and HHS partners, providing technical assistance, sharing promising practices, facilitating peer learning, strengthening communication, or developing resource hubs)?

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Next Steps & Closing Remarks

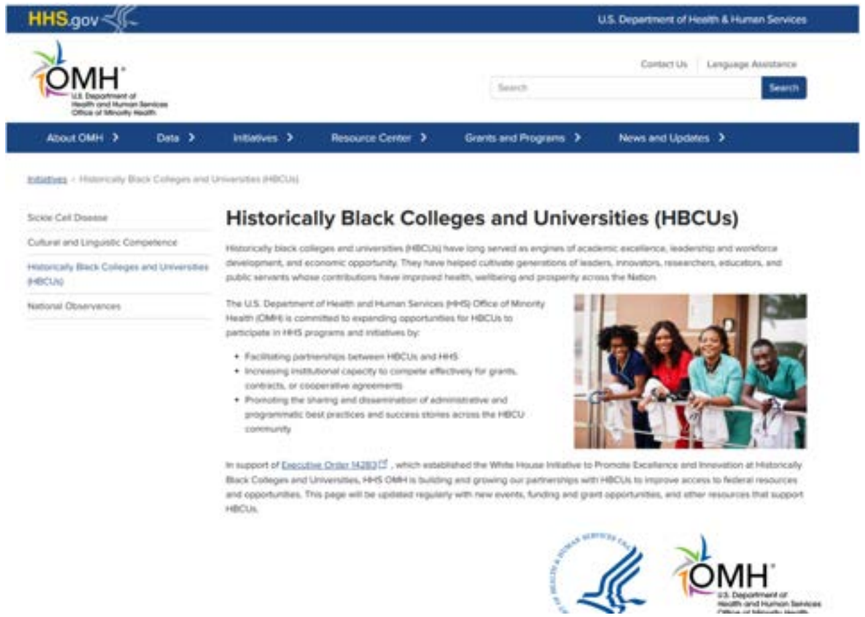




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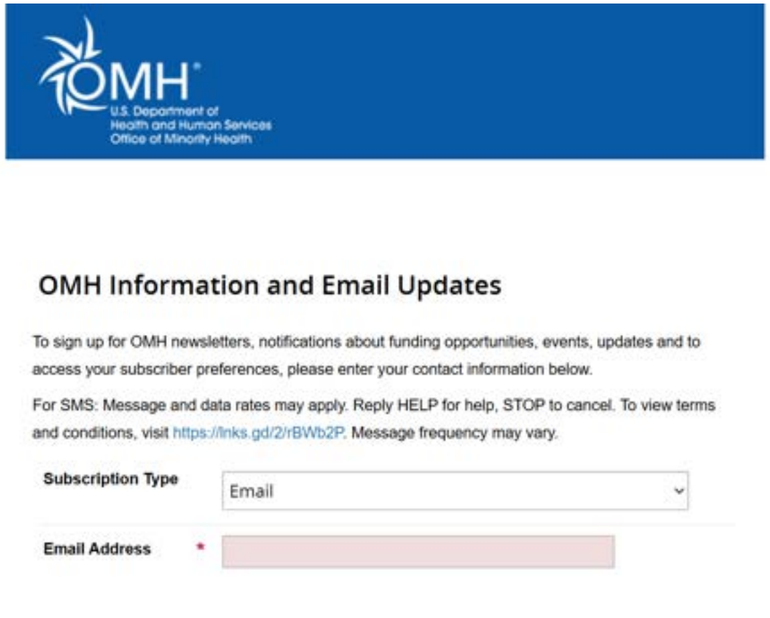
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