



Mayor's Task Force on AIDS
Thursday January 28, 2021 8:30 am
Virtual meeting

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Laura Minor
Jenelle Howard
Marge Rivera
Phyllis DelMastro
John Saperro (guest speaker)

Alice Ferguson
Hedy Kelley
Doug Janssen
Diane Ashworth

- 1. Meeting called to order at 830.**
- 2. Moment of Silence:** Observed
- 3. Introductions:** Completed
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – November 19, 2020 approved by consensus with edits.
- 5. John Saperro - End HIV Presentation, Bristol End HIV Event Discussion**

Collaborative Research, work with community groups and advocacy groups to end the HIV epidemic. In it to End It, started last August, and is a Year long project, adding Hartford to this area - this was the remaining large metropolitan area outside of the original area.

Slides will be shared. President Trump announced a goal of ending the epidemic by 2030, reducing new infections by early diagnosis, rapid treatment, prevention of new cases, use of data tools, contact tracing, responding to outbreaks. This program is being funded by a grant. For those at risk of contracting HIV, we are looking at an unscripted discussion, about sexual health, what do you think needs to be addressed in your community?

Would the Bristol Mayor's Taskforce consider taking part in this focus group? The meeting will take about 1 hour.

When the funding and project is over, what will be done with the information? Beginning in March, begin working with community groups to determine what is important, develop the plan with the regional components and turn this over to Tom's office to implement the plan.

www.ourhivplan.org is the website for project.

We will share this link on the Bristol FB page and mayors TF webpage.

Common themes that have been found are:

- Access to care
- Disruptive innovations
- Rethinking sexual education in middle and high school

Implement what we have learned from COVID and utilize these innovative models for HIV.

Group Discussion:

Invite the City Council to watch this presentation. We would like to work together to make this happen. Can we also have a meeting with the Health Department, Marco or his representative? We will work to have him come to meet with the council in March, or when Cathy Savino states the agenda would accommodate the presentation. We should first ask the Mayor or Cathy Savino to see when it would be good for this presentation. Once we know this date we will ask Marco to attend as well.

- 6. Task Force Budget Vote:** Budget was due last Friday, but there was a miscommunication about the due date of the budget. Spoke with Jodi, she will submit the amount to be the same as last year, \$1500. After acceptance we can then change line items. There will be a hearing for the budget in February if we would like to attend. Motion made and seconded, Any money that is in our current budget will need to be spent by July, we have spent very little at this time because of the cancellation of events.

Laura will you please send out the budget? and Alice will be emailing Jodi with the approval of the budget.

7. Debrief WAD Virtual Event: Great event, shared by a lot of people, 71 views. This was also shared by the State Health Department.

8. April Task Force Event: We cannot plan the library event in person. We could do a 1 hour presentation via Zoom to still have an event.

Alice attended the Simsbury Diversity Event, she will send the link as an example of what we can do. Can we come up with a theme for an online event? Can we connect with the speakers that we had and have the event virtually?

Should we include CEUs? We have already submitted the paperwork? If we change the program focus (to include COVID data and Hepatitis C Information), we will need to re-do the paperwork.

From last February's minutes, we have:

Latoya Tyson

Danile Davidson

Dalita, can she still come and talk about Hep C and COVID>

Laura will email the speakers with a date and see who is able to attend, April 28th. What should be the time frame? We have done daytime before, should we do the evening instead?

9. Other Business:

February meeting agenda submitted/distributed/meeting conducted:

Laura will be running the February meeting as Alice will not be able to do so due to anticipated surgery. Good luck Alice, we will be thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers!

10. Announcements - None

Next meeting: February 25, 2021