

Governor's Task Force on the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation

June 22nd, 2016

10:00-11:30

Families First Health Center

100 Campus Drive

Portsmouth, NH

Members in Attendance:

- Representative David Borden
- Kelly Halldorson, Rye Resident, Co-Moderator, Seacoast NH Pediatric Cancer Cluster Community Group
- Amy Kennedy, Governor's Office
- Susan Kindstedt, Rye Resident
- Representative Rebecca McBeath
- Kim McNamara, City of Portsmouth Health Officer
- Mike Magnant, Administrator, Town of Rye (Rye representative)
- Mindi Messner, Rye Resident
- Jim Murphy, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA representative)
- Marilee Nihan, Deputy Commissioner, NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS representative)
- Representative Tom Sherman
- Senator Nancy Stiles
- Mike Wimsatt, Director, Waste Management Division, NH Department of Environmental Services (DES representative)

Other Attendees:

- Representative Renny Cushing
- Matt Flanders, Senator Kelly Ayotte's Office
- Whitney Hammond, Chronic Disease Director, Bureau of Population Health & Community Services, DHHS
- Kerry Holmes, Governor's Office
- Jake Leon, Director of Communications, DHHS
- Dennis Malloy, community member
- Patricia Tilley, Chief, Bureau of Population Health and Community Services, DHHS
- John Tuthill, community member

1. Roles and responsibilities of this Task Force
 - a. Be a single-point of contact for the community and agencies
 - b. Coordinate communication
 - i. Bring concerns from the community to related agencies
 - ii. Provide information about concerns back to community from agencies
 - iii. Provide public education about protection from health concerns
 - c. Suggest direction for the cancer cluster investigation
 - d. Provide clarity on multiple health and environmental related processes in the Seacoast area

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- e. Develop subgroups to respond to community concerns
 - f. Provide recommendations on future policy to protect the health of people in the seacoast
2. Overview of cancer cluster process
 3. Update on progress of investigation
 4. Coordination and communication strategies
 - a. The Task Force is the meeting for coordination and the public is invited to our meetings
 - i. We will meet monthly or as needed
 - ii. At the beginning of meetings, agencies will provide updates
 - iii. Task Force Members and the public are encouraged to submit in advance concerns to be addressed in the meeting
 1. Seabrook monitoring information will be addressed at future meetings
 - iv. There will be time at the end of meetings for public questions and comments
 - b. DHHS will have a website an email available for the public that captures the work of the Task Force and links to other related resources (e.g., RMS investigation, PFCs blood-testing information, EPA website, etc.)
 5. The next meeting of the Governor's Task Force on the Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation will be on July 20, 2016, from 4:00-6:00 pm (Location TBD)