

Governor's COVID-19 Equity Response Team
June 25, 2020
Remote Zoom SUBCOMMITTEE Meeting
MINUTES

Meeting Open at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present (roll-call with disclosure of who else in room): Kirsten Durzy, Rogers Johnson, and Trinidad Tellez. Bobbie Bagley joined at 5:04pm. Dottie Morris joined at 5:05. All unaccompanied except as noted.

Quorum: Yes

Others Present: 0 public members.

Welcome, Structure of Remote Meeting, and Review of Charge

- Review of Right to Know Procedures for compliance with the requirements of RSA chapter 91-A and Emergency Order 12.
 - Members of the public can view and listen to the public meeting via online webinar or via phone. Members of the public will be muted throughout the meeting. Comments will be taken at the end.
 - All votes taken during the meeting shall be done by roll call vote
- Charge is to develop a recommended strategy to address the disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to oversee the implementation of the recommended plan.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 6/18/2020 subcommittee meeting approved after roll call vote with a vote of 5 for accepting.

Continue discussion about review of publically available data sources/briefs

- Discussion about Substance Use, recent webinar, racial bias for people of color in SUD treatment. Want to be sure it's included in report outline and quantitative survey. Concerns about the lack of data.
- Review of spreadsheet list of potential reports and sources for the scan/review including DOJ/corrections, DOE recent survey, website, State and federal reports
- Discussion of the goals of the review
 - Gaps in publically available data on R/E minorities in NH exists
 - Seeing what is present and then making recommendations based on what we currently have. And recommendation is to do a more comprehensive assessment with very clear methodology.
 - Suspect will find a lot of good information in the comments or critical issues.
 - Anyone doing a review will need to do a thoughtful review of what's there and also what's not there.

- Discussion about the potential for a clearinghouse for all this data.
 - Regardless of how good or bad the data is... there is no central location that you can go to and say I want to know about the health, welfare, happiness, safety of communities of color in NH.
 - What if that's one of our recommendations... don't have to go out digging for people's data – we say “every state agency, municipality, fed agency funding services in NH – you send your data”. It would take resources to build a platform.
 - Centralized website where updated reports come in – so it's all housed together vs dashboard (data flows in continuously with quality control and would take a lot of money to build and maintain it).
 - Could consolidate existing data into one location for people
 - Could require that the data be placed there and it's linked to getting whatever... the state is supposed to give you something, you receive it after you put your data here. Would have to show that you're collecting the data, for example, on race, ethnicity and language (REaL), sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI), and people with disabilities (PWD).
 - For first pass, state level agencies and maybe municipalities – they're already going to do the work that they're following data suppression and confidentiality and security in the data. So if we're contracting out at the state and say “send your data”... then if the state had to provide that data to this clearinghouse or repository... that's a place to start.
 - Make it a mandatory requirement.
 - Some kind of incentive for data collection to put it in the clearinghouse where we want it.
- Discussion of recent report in Higher Ed related to COVID - asking students about their experiences with COVID; report didn't include race/ethnicity. Reports from federal government are 2 years behind
- Extensive discussion, review and revisions of the various column labels in the excel spreadsheet for clarity.

Public Comment: No public comment and no members of the public present.

Discussion of Next Steps

TT to incorporate revisions and send out with directions

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40