

Hartford Ad Hoc Committee on Coronavirus Response Meeting Minutes

8/19/20 @ 4:00 PM | Via Zoom

Committee Attendance: Kristi Clemens (Chair), Simon Dennis (Secretary), Becky Chollet, Brett Mayfield, Martha McDaniel, Deborah Scribner, Dan Fraser, Barbara Farnsworth, Scott Cooney, PJ

Kristi called the meeting to order at 4:04 and took attendance.

Town Reports

Scott reported that there has been 90 additional calls or a 2% increase in calls regarding psychiatric or behavioral nature between 2019 and 2020 to this point in the year.

Brett reported that requests for masks are up through the Fire Department. 10-15 masks a day are going out from the Town Hall. In general, Vermont's case load is maintaining a status quo level. (Lebanon has recently logged a 1 -4 case increase.) Though we may see an uptick in 2 - 6 weeks in response to the opening of schools. Health Officer Calls are up.

Kristi reported that Dartmouth Graduate students will be arriving on 9/8. The even of case clusters will trigger a community-wide emergency message.

Slow-the-Spread

Martha reported that the group will meet soon but that there is no new news at the moment.

Economic Support and Recovery

P.J reported that the Hartford Business Revolving Loan Fund has received more grant applications for the \$2000 municipal relief package.

Food Security

Barbara reported that 66 individuals are currently vouchered at the Hotels. There has been an uptick of families coming to pick up food at the Haven Food Drop. Local Communities will submit the Everybody Eats Food Grant. Kyle Fisher says LISTEN is providing 200 meals five nights/wk.

Communications

Becky Chollet reported that the #MaskOnHartford campaign is generating likes/buzz. Alanna is working to create a logo. Working with HCC has been going well and selfies have been coming in. Becca White added that the State of VT is promoting access to daycare for younger and school-age children. It was mentioned that UV Strong is promoting a UV Childcare Group. Becca will reach out and report back. It was asked: Is Resilient Hartford active on the issue of childcare?

General Discussion

It was decided that we would transition to meeting every other week with the understanding that if we see a significant Hartford outbreak, we would go back to weekly. It was also mentioned that HADCCR would benefit from one or more liaisons to the School Board, particularly once school resumes. Perhaps the Selectboard Can make an alteration to the Charge?

Martha moved to Adjourn. Becky Chollet seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

HADCCR's next meeting will take place via Zoom at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 2nd.

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary.