

Hartford Ad Hoc Committee on Coronavirus Response Meeting Minutes

10/14/20 @ 4:00 PM | Via Zoom

Committee Attendance: Kristi Clemens (Chair), Simon Dennis (Secretary), Becky Chollet, Brett Mayfield, Martha McDaniel.

Kristi called the meeting to order at 4:07 and took attendance and called for Changes to the minutes.

Town Reports

Brett reported that he has been busy. The hard part is that the yellow zone has reached the boarder of Hartford and that VT (the Governor) classifies Vermont's ratings on a statewide basis. I.e., he does not distinguish between counties.

Windsor and Grafton Counties have reached over the 400/M active cases putting these two zones into the yellow zones. The Governor will not change travel patterns until the whole state goes above 400 cases/M, which we are not yet officially over. The current Governor's mandate says that those who travel outside of the state into a Yellow or Red Zone on nonessential purposes must quarantine for 14 days. So cross-border sports has been eliminated. As has people traveling to train in facilities out of the State. So long as your job is essential, you can travel between states. People who work out of state for non essential business will receive a warning. All of this makes our job very important at the moment. The VT and NH Depts of Health feel that this situation of elevated case levels may pass in a matter of weeks. In the meantime, we need to be diligent with hygiene, distancing and masking. We do have an influx of visitors from red states. If we do things right, we should have a drop.

Simon said that he did not feel that enforcing the Governor's prohibition of interstate travel into yellow zones should be a big part of the Town's messaging because it will lower our credibility because Grafton and Windsor County's caseloads are comparable.

Becky agreed and said that our focus should be on the seven key points regarding best practices of masks, handwashing, distancing.

Brett said that, however, a business should be very careful with how they message this. They can't say don't worry about it.

This message should say: Windsor has an elevated case count and we need to be particularly diligent in this regard . . .

Becky said, can we create infographics with the key points and put it out on all channels. All were in favor.

Slow-the-Spread

Martha reported that Masks are still going out.

Communications Subgroup

Becky reported that Nancy Lareau from Vital Communities has not been responsive to repeated requests from Becky. Kristi said she would run some quick numbers tomorrow. Becky will order Gnomon. Martha said that she would like the Committee to request up to \$2000 to print banners, road signs, window decals. All present were in full agreement.

General Information

Martha asked how we can increase others to participate more consistently. Kristi said she would send out a reminder. If the spread vector continues, HADCCR's work is going to seem extremely relevant.

Martha moved to adjourn, Simon seconded, that the meeting adjourn at 5:03 PM.

HADCCR's next meeting will take place via Zoom at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 28th.

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary.