

Multicultural Subcommittee of the COVID-19 COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 17, 2020 | 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Google Meet | Online

Members: Chair Nubia Peña, Co-Chair Byron Russell, Co-Chair Ze Min Xiao, Dr. Marc Babitz, Aden Batar, Juan Becerra, Silvia Castro, Mayra Cedano, Neelam Chand, Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Dulce Díez, Mike Haddon, Emma E. Houston, Dustin Jansen, Celina Milner, Mikelle Moore, Dr. Len Novilla, Asha Parekh, Tami Pyfer, Ming Wang

Absent: Jess Anderson, Jake Fitisemanu Jr., Deneiva Knight

Guests: Ramy Ahemd, Joél Arvizo-Zavala, Rozanna Benally-Sagg, José Borjón, Maegan Castleton, Andrew Gruber, Jenny Hor, Claudia Loayza, Nate McDonald, Antonella Packard, Katherine Potter, Taysha Tiatia, Brooke Zollinger

Welcome – Byron Russell, Co-Chair

Byron Russell welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Racial Equity Work – Byron Russell

- Multicultural and MLK commissions survey sent out to the community.
- Kellogg Foundation will be joining in a partnership, to contribute to long term approaches in addressing racial equity.

Transportation Partnership with Wasatch Front Regional Council – Andrew Gruber

- Noted the disproportional health and equity issues within communities, and the importance with transportation and access.
- Work in collaboration with the subcommittee to make sure transportation access is available and safe for all communities.

Leavitt Partners Research Around Social Determinant of Health within Minority Communities – Brooke Zollinger

- Leavitt partnership will be researching intersections between racial climate and Black Lives Matter. Exploring evidence linking primary domains of racism (structural, cultural, and individual- level discrimination) to mental and physical health outcomes to drive research and policy.
- Partnership can help elevate the conversation in Utah, with data and drive policies surrounding health equity.
 - This partnership will continue to develop and be explored.

Social Services – Asha Parekh

- Current Focus Areas: Rental Assistance and Eviction, Mental Health and Crisis Counselors, and Unrestricted Resources.
 - *Rental Assistance:*
 - Application has been simplified.
 - On July 25th funding will be available to those receiving unemployment insurance payments who previously were ineligible.
 - Applicants must show a loss of 20% of their income in the last 30 days.
 - Additional County funding is available.
 - Rental assistance can extend up to six months.
 - *Eviction Data Project:* Six points of interest
 - Comparison
 - Assigned Counsel
 - Judgements
 - Language
 - Treble Damages
 - Hearings
 - *Mental Health Funding:*
 - Funding has gone to support 50 crisis counselors due to COVID-19.
 - Language support provided in addition to English.
 - *Unrestricted Resources:*
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- Outreach to United Way of Salt Lake to increase services to affected communities.
- Exploring more resource opportunities and the education fund.

Communications – Juan Becerra

- PSA's are very responsive and available.
- Next step is placing key individuals with the media to continue to spread information on resources.
- Myth Vs. Truth project to inform communities and bring light to misconceptions.

Health Equity – Dulce Díez

- Hiring program to provide positions among communities members.
- Funding is being given to local health care centers with community health workers.
- Over 100 positions open to minority communities to bring funding back within those communities.

Digital Equity – Jenny Hor

- Recognized the disconnect between health needs and digital equity, and partnerships are being established to build upon that.
- Comcast has been aware of the lack of internet access that rural Utah schools experience.

Comunidades Unidas – Mayra Cedano

- Community members are experiencing debt for COVID-19 medical expenses.
- Comunidades Unidas is creating a family emergency fund with unrestricted funding for families. Those who are interested in getting involved can contact Mayra Cedano.

Other Business: Launch of the Racial Equity Fund Application

- Town hall tutorial will be hosted to assist in the application process.

Next Meeting

Friday, July 31, 2020 from 3:00–4:00 P.M. through Google Meet