Welcome – Byron Russell, Co-Chair
Byron Russell welcomed attendees to the meeting.

State of Emergency – Joe Dougherty & Jenny Johnson
- The current status of COVID-19
  - Rise in case counts
  - Out of all the cases, 4-5 percent will be hospitalized
  - For the past few days, over 400 people have been hospitalized with COVID-19
  - Hospitals report severity of reaching ICU capacity
- COVID-19 State of Emergency has four main parts
  - Statewide mask mandate: People need to wear a mask—indoors and outdoors—if they are within six feet of someone outside of their household
  - Social gathering limits: People can only gather with household members until November 23, 2020
    - If things do not improve, the order may be extended
  - No extracurricular activities
    - Rates are the highest within younger populations
    - The intent is to stop the spread within younger age groups
  - Weekly testing for college and university students
    - Anyone who lives on campus or is taking one in-person class must be tested
- Businesses are required to enforce mask wearing for their employees
- Resources in diverse languages are available online at coronavirus.utah.gov

Housing and Social Services – Asha Parekh
- Housing Data: The increase in housing assistance is related to individuals who are receiving unemployment insurance as they can now access these funds.
- Eviction Project
  - Using a cohort study and based on zip codes, the research team compared 2019 to 2020
    - Despite the decrease in the number of eviction filings for 2020, the disparity for BIPOC communities persists
    - Potential and strongest predictors of eviction include race, income, and being a single BIPOC female
  - Eviction map for the state of Utah from 2019-2020
- Community Health Workers
  - A survey in partnership with the Utah Department of Health and Comunidades Unidas will be conducted to understand:
    - The ways in which CHWs develop relationships with communities
    - Areas of emphasis and need in their work in terms of the services offered or needed by communities
    - Their needs regarding professional development
- Domestic Violence
  - Data Source

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- Domestic violence arrest data from CCJJ
- Domestic violence case filings from the Utah State Courts
  - Data
    - 34% increase in crisis calls
    - 15% increase in the number of people provided with crisis shelter
    - 31% increase in case management hours
    - 36% increase in lethality assessment protocols from law enforcement

COVID-19 Services for Refugees – Hayder Allkhenfr
- Guidance for Refugees Upon Arrival in the US
  - Background:
    - There are an estimated 60,000 people of refugee background speaking 40+ languages in Utah
    - All resettled in Salt Lake County by either International Rescue Committee or Catholic Community Services
  - CDC Welcome Booklet for Refugees
    - Watch for symptoms
    - What to do if you get sick
    - How to take your temperature
    - Where to get help
  - After Travel Recommendations
    - Stay at home as much as possible
    - Avoid being around people
    - Consider getting tested
- Cases Identification
  - Early in the Pandemic
    - Cases referred to local health departments (LHDs) through the state surveillance system
    - Refugee Health Program (RHP) works with LHDs to conduct case investigations
  - April-Current
    - Matching between RHP database and state surveillance system
    - Match is based on name and DOB algorithm
    - Identifying all refugee COVID-19 cases
    - Compile the Refugee COVID-19 Situational Report
  - As of November 6, 2020
    - 982 cases
    - 778 recovered
    - 3,646 tested
    - 45 hospitalizations
    - 6 deaths
- Utah Refugee COVID-19 Situational Report
  - 18-34 age group comprise the largest share of cases
  - 55+ age group have been hospitalized the most
  - Most cases are outside of the 5-year case management period
  - Refugees from Africa and East Asia and the Pacifics comprise the largest number of cases by region
  - 50-100 cases every week
  - Majority of cases are in Salt Lake County
- Refugee COVID-19 Response
  - Communication
    - Translated CDC materials
    - Translated state guidance
    - Translated video materials in the top refugee languages by trusted refugee leaders
    - Shared employer and school guides
    - Community group meetings coordinated through the Refugee Service Office with RHP staff
  - Challenges
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- Employer Issues
  - Negative test required to return to work
  - Payment issues for quarantine and isolation
- Resistance to testing
- Multigenerational households
- Mental health burden
- Access for testing in special circumstances

- Wraparound Services
  - COVID-19 Community Partnership with Office of Health Disparities
  - External quarantine and isolation services
  - Testing services
  - Education on COVID-19 testing insurance coverage

**Action Items:**
Economic Sustainability Workgroup update tabled for next week’s meeting – Neelam Chand and Antonella Packard

**Next Meeting**
Friday, November 20, 2020 from 3:00–4:00 P.M. through Google Meet.