

Multicultural Advisory Committee of the State of Utah's COVID-19 Response

Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 9, 2021 | 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Google Meet | Online

Members: Chair Nubia Peña, Co-Chair Byron Russell, Co-Chair Ze Min Xiao, Heather Borski, Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Brittney Cummins, Dulce Díez, Emma E. Houston, Dustin Jansen, Dr. Len Novilla, Ming Wang

Absent: Jess Anderson, Aden Batar, Juan Becerra, Silvia Castro, Mayra Cedano, Neelam Chand, Jake Fitisemanu Jr., Mikelle Moore, Asha Parekh

Guests: Tessa Acker, Ramy Ahmed, Ciriac Alvarez Valle, Mayra Cardozo, Angel Castillo, Maegan Castleton, RyLee Curtis, Susi Feltch-Malohifo'ou, Tina Groves, Dr. Michelle Hofmann, Jenny Hor, Jennifer Leary, Claudia Loayza, Jill Love, Antonella Packard, Ross Romero, Betty Sawyer, Jeremy Taylor, Tara Thue, Taysha Tiatia, Rocio Torres Mora, Oreta Tupola, Jeannette Villalta, Megan Waters, James Yapias, Yehemy Zavala Orozco, Melissa Zito

Welcome – Byron Russell, Co-Chair

Byron Russell welcomed attendees to the meeting.

COVID-19 Equity Vaccine Distribution Roadmap – Dr. Michelle Hofmann & Dulce Díez

- Overview of our state's strategy and progress in the vaccine response
 - Challenge A: Demand exceeds supply (We are currently here)
 - Gaps in equity are highlighted in this phase
 - Challenge B: Demand diminishes because of:
 - Hard to reach
 - Hard to vaccinate
- Timeline: March 1, 2021-December 31, 2021
- Key areas:
 - Identify priority populations
 - Communicate
 - Reduce barriers
 - Community and mobile vaccine clinics
 - Vaccination data available to the public
- Different Vaccine Types and Choice
 - For community events they have been able to offer vaccine choice
 - Only medical requirement for vaccines at this time is 16-17 year olds and Pfizer
 - Additional consideration is given for belief systems and faith groups
 - Catholic community
 - Modesty tents
 - Ramadan, Holy Week
- Provide progress report covering the five areas
- Reduce Barriers at Vaccination Clinics – Nomi Health
 - Removal of SSN data
 - Does not ask for ID
 - Verify the spelling of a patient's name or any information with something with their name on it
- Partnering to Improve Registration Process
 - Allowing for online, phone, and onsite walk ins
 - Additional registration staffing
- Make Vaccination Data Available to the Public
 - United to direct mobile and community outreach efforts
 - Used to understand equity

Vaccination Clinics – Tessa Acker & Yehemy Zavala Orozco

- Developing training materials for vaccine providers across the state
 - Checklist from listening sessions and community-based organization (CBO) experiences

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- Best practices: Working with CBOs
 - Learn about the populations you will serve
 - Transparency in processes
 - Building trust in communities
 - An opportunity to listen and improve
- Best practices: Working with racial and ethnic minorities
- Three other vulnerable populations: rural, homeless, and people with disabilities

Health Equity Policy Guide – Dulce Díez, Mayra Cardozo, Ciriac Alvarez Valle & Ming Wang

- Intended Goals:
 - Living document that will assist all who are addressing health inequity through policy work
 - Have a community centered and empowerment focus/lens
 - Advocate for community partnerships
 - Guideline to help navigate important considerations
- Updates/Partnership:
 - Focus on creating a workbook that reflects community, collaboration, empowerment, and accessibility
 - Working with Taysha Tiatia and Claudia Loayza
- Project Timeline:
 - Hope to have it finalized by the end of the month

Next Meeting

Friday, April 16, 2021 from 3:00–4:00 P.M. through Google Meet.