

## HEALTH BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE (BRC) MEETING NOTES 12JANUARY2021

**Voting members present:** Kathie Lynch (Chair), Ann Birner (Minutes), Bianca Monteiro, Kim McNamara, Richard DiPentima

**Absent:** James Petersen

**Non-voting city staff present:** Stephanie Seacord, Kristin Shaw, Toni McLellan

**Action items below follow name of responsible party (name in bold font).**

Kathie read the approved waiver for remote meeting participation during the pandemic and participants identified location and any others present at that location. A motion to approve the minutes of January 5<sup>th</sup> was made by Ann and seconded by Bianca. There were no comments and approval was unanimous.

Voting members have been confirmed by Kathie to include herself, James, Bianca, Ann, Rich, and Kim. Rich was welcomed as the newest member. If **Kim** is unavailable, she may delegate Kristin or Toni as proxy.

The dashboard was reviewed. Area case numbers and positivity remain high. The tri-state curves appear to be levelling off. The NH vaccination percentage will be clarified as being the percentage of the state's population. The NYT vaccination map is being used as it is the most up to date. There was a discussion about the availability of hospitalization rates and bed capacity and, if available, whether these data ought to be included on the dashboard. Although publicly available e.g. online via the "Patch NH" platform, consensus was that we need not share publicly at this time. The data could be misinterpreted by the public because, for example, contingency plans are not included. **Rich** will provide a sample email alert from patch.com to members.

NH guidance regarding employee travel has been revised, and Stephanie has updated the link to that update in the Daily Life FAQ.

**Stephanie** will also revise the Ventilation FAQ to include a link to CDC Ventilation guidance. Two portions of the CDC guidance were proposed by Kathie to be added directly to the FAQ as well: recommendations regarding rest room fans (to be on at all times) and air exchange (running the HVAC system at maximum outside airflow for 2 hours before and after a building is occupied). All agreed to those additions pending agreement from **James**, which will be sought by **Kathie** after the meeting.

Stephanie has added new language from the NH DHHS on post-vaccine behavior (continue to take risk reduction precautions i.e. avoid the "3Cs" and adhere to the "3Ws") to the Vaccine FAQ. Ann proposed and all agreed to add this language to the Daily Life FAQ as well. **Stephanie** will make this update.

Toni reminded the group of the parliamentary approach to meeting minutes (name the individuals who make and second motions, identify discussion points and results of motion vote). Circulation was clarified as well. **Ann** will send Word document of draft minutes to members ASAP after each meeting. Once approved, she will send final versions in pdf to members and Jessica Griffin.

**Kathie** will seek further clarity on the role of and expectations for Health BRC members on the Reopen BRC. A minimal contribution suggested by the reopen co-chair was to provide the weekly dashboard and have representation to present this to Reopen membership. The value of regular participation by Health was challenged during last week's Reopen meeting, and both co-chairs quickly and emphatically voiced their opinions that ongoing Health representation was welcome and expected. Balancing economic and health concerns had been a longstanding and ongoing effort of the CRTF.

**Stephanie** offered to update Health BRC members on key points from NH Covid press conferences on a regular bases and the offer was gratefully received.

Ann made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Kim, all agreed.