

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
COVID RESPONSE TASK FORCE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 4, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall, 1 Junkins Ave. Portsmouth, NH

Attendees: Will Arvelo, Linda Briolat, Nancy Brown, Whitney Brown, Abbie Frank, Laurie McIntosh, Lori Waltz, Meme Wheeler, Molly Wilson, City Manager Karen Conard

Absent: Kathy Beebe, Amber Buttermore, Janet Laatsch, Tania Marino,

Guests: Health Director Kim McNamara, Patte-Anne Ardizzoni from SNHS CAP

- I. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Arvelo at 12:08 pm.
- II. Ms. Wilson motioned approval of the minutes from the 9/20/2022 meeting, and Ms. Briolat seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- III. Ms. McNamara gave an update on the states of the Community Health Assessment, which included a presentation (which was distributed to all members and place on the Committee's webpage immediately following the meeting). There were two responses to the RFP, with one over budget and the other focused significantly on senior care and the older population. Ms. McNamara discussed the approach moving forward would be to break down the work and to utilize some existing data sources. Given the timing of the work, the Committee may seek an extension for its reporting requirement of December 2022 to the City Council.
- IV. Ms. Ardizzoni gave an update on the Southern NH Community Action Program CAP), along with a presentation on the value of CAPs as a source of information and a referral resource. A general discussion ensued with all participating.
- V. The group discussed next meeting dates as follows: October 18, November 1, November 15, November 29 and December 13. Next steps include development of a timeline and trends. Future speakers include Superintendent Dr. Zach McLaughlin (hopefully for the October 18 meeting).
- VI. There was no one present for the public comment portion of the meeting.
- VII. Motion to adjourn at 1:03 pm by Ms. Waltz, seconded by Ms. McIntosh and unanimously approved.