

Minutes Portsmouth Covid Task Force 3.28.23

Attendees: Anne, Linda, Kathy, Laurie M. Abbie, Whitney, Janet, Meme, Nancy

Guest: Kim McNamara

1. Meeting called to order @ 12:05pm
2. Approval of the minutes from 2.14. Anne first, Laurie, all agreed
3. Kim M. presented an update on the community health profile and needs assessment process.
Refer to slides.
 - a. Recommendations to the committee- community health improvement plan
 - b. Build city services for DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)
 - c. Apply a Health in All policies approach to City policy development and planning
 - d. Set aside \$3M to be used for the outcome of the community Health Profile, Needs assessment and community health improvement plan
 - e. Develop a mechanism for non-profits providing services to Portsmouth's vulnerable residents to make their needs known to City County now
4. Discussion about what we should recommend to the Council. The group is inclined to make Kim's recommendations to the Council and the other target areas the task force came up with. Plan is to present after Kim M. does to the City Council and recommend her plan along with the Task Force's recommendations. And present to the Council on 5/1 or 5/15. Abbie will resend the slides out.
5. Public comments
 - a. Rick Becksted has followed all of our meetings. He strongly believes that we need workforce housing (80% of median income) by doing an exemption program for \$1M. It has to be expended by 12.2026.
 - b. Margot Doering wanted us to hear her big picture thoughts. This group has a lot of money to fix some of the long term, systemic issues. She is not making a recommendation on what those changes should be but feels that this is an opportunity that doesn't happen a lot.
6. Meeting adjourned 12:55pm