Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: December 16, 2020 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

• Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the Council members.

COVID-19 Vaccination | RI Department of Health (RIDOH) Consultant Dr. Philip A. Chan

• Rhode Island received its first delivery of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine – 10,000 doses to be distributed to frontline health professionals — as part of Phase 1 of the State’s vaccine distribution plan. Find more information at https://www.ri.gov/press/view/40004.
• The COVID-19 vaccine will be distributed through a phased approach that centers equity as a guiding principle. For more information, visit https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination.

COVID-19 Data Update | RIDOH COVID-19 Coordinated Response Lead at the Rhode Island Department of Health Julian Drix

• Age-adjusted COVID-19 data makes the disparity between white populations and Black/Latino populations more visible.
• Over $138,000 in cash assistance has been distributed to over 173 households that have one or more COVID-positive individuals.

Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

• There was discussion about what communities will receive which type of vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, etc.).

Next Steps

• State staff will work on getting a response to unresolved questions regarding the prioritization of vulnerable communities when distributing the COVID-19 vaccine and the distribution of cash assistance.
• RIDOH staff will work on posting age-adjusted data to the COVID-19 data website: https://ri-department-of-health-covid-19-case-data-rihealth.hub.arcgis.com/

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• Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones