Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: May 19, 2021 3:30 - 4:45 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the Council members
- Secretary Jones introduced an upcoming brief pause to revisit the focus of the COVID-19 Equity Council

HealthSourceRI (HSRI) Insurance Coverage Resources – Brand Manager Christian Vialva and Chief Public Affairs Officer Robin Dionne

- HealthSource RI (HSRI) is the state’s official marketplace for health coverage.
- American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocated federal funds toward increased health coverage assistance for qualifying individuals, including most individuals with HSRI coverage.
- HSRI is currently offering a New Enrollment Period (NEP) from February 15th, 2021 to August 15, 2021 to provide eligible Rhode Islanders with additional time to enroll in 2021 health coverage. Additionally, Special Enrollment Period (SEP) is available for any individual experiencing a Qualifying Life Event (QLE).

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Data Update – Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) team

- Youth ages 12 to 15 are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Find more information here: [https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination/covid-19-vaccine-faqs#kids](https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination/covid-19-vaccine-faqs#kids)
- The RIDOH COVID-19 vaccination team continues to look for community organizations that would like to assist with outreach and vaccination site hosting. Organizations can indicate their interest by filling out this form.
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccination and the status of vaccine distribution in Rhode Island, please visit [https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination](https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination).

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

- A Council member asked about funding for community organizations who are helping combat COVID-19 in their communities. RIDOH staff shared information about the COVID-19 Mini-Grant program, which provides community organizations with funding to spread the word about COVID-19 resources including testing and vaccination.
- Council members requested further information about the pause.

Next Steps

- RIDOH staff will provide Equity Council members with informational materials about the Beat COVID Mini-Grant program.

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones