



# Equity Council Agenda

**Zoom Meeting Time: July 1, 2020 3:00 - 4:00 PM**

## Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the council members

## Updates from the Last Meeting

- **Testing – In Process.** State staff are working on moving testing locations to areas suggested by Equity Council community members
- State staff will connect with RI Commerce Secretary Stefan Pryor and Dept. of Administration Director Brett Smiley to get a financial assistance distribution update

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

- A member reported back that the issues their local community members were having with unemployment applications have been resolved

## Independent Provider Model | Lissa DiMauro, Associate Director for Medicaid Operations at EOHHS and Elaine Choiniere, Administrator of the Independent Provider (IP) Program at EOHHS

- The IP Program allows the participant to have greater choice, from deciding their living situation to picking a personal care attendant. Visit <https://bit.ly/2HRA9dF> for more information.
- The EOHHS and Medicaid teams are putting an emphasis on reaching communities of color and increasing access to the IP Program

## Next Steps

- State staff will bring concerns regarding housing and evictions to the appropriate workstream as well as the Governor's Office

## Close

- Closing remarks were given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

