



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: July 15, 2020 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

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

Updates from the Last Meeting

- **Testing – Progress Made.** Bethel AME, Elmwood Avenue Church of God and the Center for Southeast Asians were established as COVID-19 testing sites
- **Housing – In Process.** A member is working on finding assistance for families experiencing homelessness

COVID-19 Housing Assistance | Claudia Wack - Housing Policy Counsel, RI Commerce

- The State is supplementing federal CARES Act housing protections with city and statewide programs in order to avoid mass evictions. For more information, visit: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/homeownersandrenters/>

RI Higher Education Readiness Plan | Amy Grzybowski, Executive Director of Westerly Education Center and Project Leader of the Higher Education Readiness Workstream

- All RI higher education institutions are required to submit a readiness plan to the State in order to ensure appropriate COVID-19 safety measures are in place. For more information and further guidance, visit: <https://reopeningri.com/schools>

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

- Members voiced concerns about community eviction cases and housing support eligibility

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

