



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: August 26, 2020 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

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

Updates from the Last Meeting

- **Food Security – Progress made.** Multiple food distribution events are planned by Equity Council members, including Channavy Chhay, of the Center for Southeast Asians (CSEA) and Henrietta White-Holder, of Higher Ground International. Another community leader, Pastor Howard Jenkins, of the Bethel AME Church in Providence, announced he is working on organizing a food distribution opportunity of 1,100 meals for community members in need.
- **Testing Accessibility – In Process.** State staff and Equity Council members continue to work together to further establish testing sites across Rhode Island, specifically in high density areas and communities of color hardest hit by COVID-19.

RI Department of Health (RIDOH) discussed updated disaggregated race/ethnicity COVID-19 data | Laura Chambers, Deputy Manager of COVID-19 Data and Analytics at RIDOH

- Shared disaggregated data updates with Council Members
- Discussed statewide trends

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

- Include Southeast Asian identification subcategories
- Include other identification options, including Cape Verdean and Portuguese

Next Steps

- Office of Healthy Aging Director Rose Jones will connect Pastor Jenkins with the Elisha Project leadership to provide logistical assistance with food distribution

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

