



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: September 2, 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.** Office of Healthy Aging Director Rose Jones connected Pastor Jenkins with the Elisha Project leadership to assist with logistics for upcoming Bethel AME food distribution events

RI Department of Education (RIDE) discussed school re-opening | Angelica Infante-Green, Commissioner

- All Rhode Island school districts except Providence and Central Falls are cleared for in-person learning. Parents still have the option of distance learning
- Commissioner Angelica Infante-Green answered Council questions and concerns

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

- A member asked for more information about the State's plan for when a COVID-19 vaccine is released
- A member recommended equity protocols to be embedded in regular State operations
- A member asked for community support to urge the General Assembly to vote on including the Housing Bond on the ballot for the upcoming election

Next Steps

- RIDE will include information about Pastor Jenkin's and Center for Southeast Asian's food distribution events in its newsletter
- A request to spread the word about the weR1 relief fund to local community members in need was asked

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

