



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: October 21, 2020 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

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

COVID-19 Vaccination Workstream | Dacia Read, Deputy Chief of Staff at the Office of Governor Gina M. Raimondo

- The workstream is communicating with the federal government, the CDC and other state governments regarding the progress of a COVID-19 vaccine and distribution strategies. Find more information on the Workstream here: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/vaccine/>

Latino Impact Plan Discussion | Marcela Betancur, Director of the Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University

- The Latino Impact Plan highlights the social, economic, health and educational gaps that have been amplified by COVID-19, as well as recommendations for how to address them on a municipal and statewide level. Find a copy of the plan here: <https://bit.ly/2HovmQH>

Updates from the Last Meeting

- Secretary Womazetta Jones requested a moment of reflection to acknowledge the recent incident involving Jhamal Gonsalves, leading to city-wide protests

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

- Several Council members voiced an increase in community requests for mental health assistance, as well as the need to connect faith institutions to behavioral health resources

Next Steps

- State staff will connect with the City of Providence Mental Wellness Team and others to bring more information back to the Council

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

