

Meeting Open at 10:04 a.m.

Attendees: Rogers Johnson, Dr. Dottie Morris, Sean Locke, Devon Chaffee, Maria Devlin, Sharon Harris, James Maggiore, Salman Malik, Ken Merrifield, James Morse, Pawn Nitichan, Marianne Rechy, Eliezer Rivera, Allyson Ryder, Trinidad Tellez

Quorum: Yes

Minutes from 12/12/2019 meeting approved after roll call vote with a vote of 14 for accepting the minutes and 1 abstention (Pawn Nitichan)

COVID-19 Letter to Governor:

Discussion:

- Discussion of food insecurity and lost employment. Separate them from COVID-19 as they are part of a separate problem that the pandemic has affected indirectly.
- Question about who to address the letter to: Governor and copy the Commissioner of the Department of Health & Human Services.
- Question about what an equity health taskforce would look like. Would it be a subcommittee of this group? Independent?
- Discussion of the completeness of the demographic data.
- Addressing the taskforce: we should not be the only entity dealing with diversity, equity, and inclusion at the executive level and perhaps some overlap in membership may be appropriate.
- Ultimately, leave the language regarding the taskforce as is.

Motion to Approve Letter with Edits:

- Approved unanimously after roll call vote.

Discussion of Next Actions As a Council:

Discussion:

- Overview of Council's recommendations chart to stimulate conversations and priority setting
- Recognizing that legislative steps may be slow due to COVID-19 impact on legislative session and that new legislation may need to wait until 2021 session
- Discussion of the role of the Governor's diversity, equity, and inclusion staff person could be to bring diversity issues to light across the executive branch. May be a better goal and target than emphasizing the Department of Education alone

- Discussion of education access data across the state as a result of COVID-19. Schools are working hard to facilitate access. Department of Education has distributed devices and worked to assure internet access.
- Potential of partnering with a group to gather more information and make recommendations. State has partnered with NH Public Health Association, which has been growing and meeting weekly. Discussion of sharing information and more intentionally collaborating with this group.
- Need to keep the conversations around COVID-19 and what it has highlighted going and getting representation on committees—Council currently has 3 members working with the association and questions arise about formalizing the arrangement.
- Discussion turns to public outreach and using web conferencing to set up a remote town hall to reach out to those who came to listening sessions and the general public. Could be a webinar format with closed commenting.
 - How to address access.
 - Reactive listening session committee.
- Desire expressed for Council to meet in full more frequently.

(Allyson Ryder out at 10:57 a.m.)

- Executive council will explore the remote town hall.
- Executive council will schedule a next meeting with a variety of date and time options.
- Discussion of amending Council's executive order to authorize us to take actions or to clarify our goals and mission.
- Ask to hear from the Governor's office at the next meeting on priorities from Council's report.
- Trinidad Tellez gives a presentation on public health data and disparities from COVID-19 pandemic.

(James Morse out at 11:06 a.m.)

- Agreed that Executive council will meet to plan for council's next meeting. Working on assembling a contact list and getting word out.

Public Comment:

None.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:23 a.m.