

Regional Long-Term Recovery Steering Committee

Meeting Notes

June 25, 2020 3:00 PM

Name	Town/Organization
Todd Andrews	Goodwin University
Cheryl Assis	CRCOG
Lisa Tepper Bates	State of Connecticut
Susan Bysiewicz	Lieutenant Governor
Brenda Downing	Salvation Army
Carlos Espinosa	Trinity College
David Fichandler	Hartford Hospital
Jen Gifford	United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut
Angela Harris	Philips Health Ministries and West Indian Foundation
Maureen McIntyre	North Central Area Agency on Aging
Julio Mendoza	SAMA
Jessica Muirhead	CRCOG
Rebecca Nolan	Metro Hartford Alliance
Scott Shanley	Town of Manchester
William Turley	State of Connecticut
Laurie Whitten	Town of Enfield
Lyle Wray	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG

Minutes

This meeting was conducted via video conference.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Mission Statement
- b. Overview of LTR Purpose / Current Testing Status
- c. Steering Committee Members

Lieutenant Governor, Susan Bysiewicz, welcomed the steering committee members and discussed the states plans for robust contact tracing the need for supports for people who will be asked to self-isolate at home.

She stated that part of the work of all is to build a support system so people can follow quarantine and best practices to the greatest extent possible to minimize community exposure. This is where the help of the committee is needed.

She also discussed the risks to a successful economic reopening. There are many other states with large spikes and we see why it's important, to create a human services sub-committee to ensure that we have

leaders at the table to make sure the vulnerable populations have the ability to quarantine and isolate and our economy can come back and strong.

She thanked the committee for its willingness to collaborate and work as the state begins full recovery from this health crisis and

Lisa Tepper Bates, Counsel to the Governor, stated that this is a starting point for our localities and regions so that we can meet the needs of our neighbors.

She also announced there will be a webinar next week describing how the pieces fit together with the structure and that link will be announced in the next few days.

She thanked various members of the committee for their participation and active work to date.

She stated that the state is calling social service providers to help understand what is already been done on the ground and what needs to be done so we can maximize resources at a local/regional and state level.

William Turley introduced himself and each member present introduced themselves and stated their primary concerns.

Dr. Lyle Wray reviewed the mission statement of the steering committee.

2. Organization of Regional Steering Committee

- a. DEHMS Region 3 and CRCOG relationship (Slide)
- b. Coordination with Municipalities (Communication Plan Flow Chart)
- c. Working Groups
 - i. Health and Social Services / Housing (Brenda Downing, Chair)
 - ii. Community Planning and Capacity Building / Infrastructure Systems
 - iii. Economic / Natural and Cultural Resources

Dr. Wray also reviewed the DEHMS Region 3 and CRCOG relationship. The focus of the steering committee will be towns and municipalities within the CRCOG region. Towns that are in DEHMS Region 3 but outside of CRCOG are welcome to join CRCOG but for purposes of the LTR, staff will focus on the CRCOG region.

Pauline Yoder reviewed the communication plan and the current understanding of how local recovery committees work with the regional committee

Dr. Wray introduced Brenda Downing as the Chair of the Human Services Working Group and asked members to consider and recommend others who could serve on the Human Services Working Group (as well as the two other working groups). He also made a request for a co-chair of the overall steering committee as well as a co-chair of the Human Services Working Group.

3. Discussion with members on potential working group members

Someone asked what the time commitment for the working group members would be. Ms. Downing stated that in the beginning, it would most likely consist of weekly meetings to get started and

understand what those needs are and how we can meet those needs. What are the shortages, etc. As those needs are met and things are built out, the meetings would reduce to bi-weekly.

Ms. Harris asked whether working group members had to be members of the Steering Committee. The answer was “no”. Working group members should be people within the community who have expertise in the area or have leadership positions.

4. Current Tasks and Work

- a. Survey (human services coordinators and long-term recovery coordinators)
- b. Determine and document gaps, opportunities and needed resources

Ms. Yoder stated that staff had a survey ready to go and if anyone would like to review it, she would send it to them (as well as the Human Services Working Group members). Jen Gifford expressed an interest in seeing the survey. The survey will be sent to area human services people as well as long-term recovery coordinators at the municipal level.

5. Additional Discussion

6. Adjournment