

Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance Meeting Record

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Meeting Date: February 11, 2021

Convened: 1:32 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:56 p.m.

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DALLAS TEXAS

Committee Members Present:

Casey Thomas, Chair
Tennell Atkins
David Blewett
Jennifer S. Gates
Cara Mendelsohn
Jaime Resendez
Omar Narvaez

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER (1:32 p.m.)

1. Approval of the January 14, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance Meeting Minutes

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance meeting. The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Jaime Resendez

Motion seconded by: CM Jennifer S. Gates

BRIEFING ITEMS WITHOUT ACTION

A. COVID-19 Vaccine, Testing, and Data Update

Presenter(s): Dr. Phil Huang, Director, Dallas County Health and Human Services; Dr. Timothy Bray, Director, Institute for Urban Policy Research, University of Texas at Dallas; Rocky Vaz, Director, Office of Emergency Management

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): The region's health experts gave updates on COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and data efforts in the City of Dallas and Dallas County. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions on several topics, including the prevalence and containment of the B.1.1.7 coronavirus variant, vaccine distribution by zip code, communications regarding the vaccine, allocation of vaccine doses, equity in vaccine distribution, efforts to mobilize vaccine distribution, source of data for vaccine distribution efforts, ICU bed capacity, and more. Information only.

B. Update on Vaccine Administration Contracts

Presenter(s): Rocky Vaz, Director, Office of Emergency Management; Chhunhy Chhuan, Director, Procurement Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Director Vaz provided an update on efforts to procure vendors for vaccine distribution. Ad Hoc Committee members asked questions about alternative distribution methods to reach hard-to-reach populations and communications with volunteers at vaccine distribution sites. Information only.

C. Bridging the Digital Divide – Project Updates

Presenter(s): Genesis D. Gavino, Resilience Officer, Office of Equity & Inclusion

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Officer Gavino provided an update on several projects and programs that various City departments are executing to bridge the digital divide in Dallas. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions on several topics, including door hangers to inform residents about the digital navigators program, if other cities are taking the same approach as Dallas, how the City can improve its

efforts, communication to residents in Spanish, funding sources for various programs, target outreach numbers for the digital navigators program, and more. CM Atkins requested that staff provide information on how various ISDs utilized the City's matching funds for the Texas Education Agency's Bulk Ordering Program and a timeline for door hanger deployment and streetlight upgrades. CM Narvaez requested that staff explore refurbishing City-owned hardware for distribution to families. CM Gates requested information from staff on the type of technology available at the new Vickery Meadow Branch Library. Information only.

D. Rapid Rehousing Program Report

Presenter(s): Kelly Hunt, Program Administrator, Office of Homeless Solutions

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Ms. Hunt provided information on the Rapid Rehousing program, including goals of the program, performance, and lessons learned. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions about the timeline of the program, monitoring of the program contracts, program reports, the process for entry and exit from the program, and employment. Information only.

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM WITH ACTION

E. Update on Rental Assistance Programming Dollars

Presenter(s): Jessica Galleshaw, Director, Office of Community Care

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There was no discussion on this item. A motion was made to approve and recommend to the City Council two rental and mortgage assistance program grants: the 1) Emergency Solutions Grant – Homelessness Prevention (CARES Act) and 2) CV-COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program (CARES Act). The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Omar Narvaez

Motion seconded by: CM Tennell Atkins

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM WITHOUT ACTION


F. Monitoring and Enforcement of Current City Emergency Regulations and Executive and County Orders

Presenter(s): Carl Simpson, Director, Code Compliance Services

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): There was no discussion on this item. Information only.


ADJOURN (3:56 p.m.)

APPROVED BY:



Casey Thomas, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19
Recovery and Assistance

ATTESTED BY:



Sommer Iqbal, Coordinator
Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19
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