

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

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Note: This meeting was conducted via videoconference to comply with a social distancing mandate during a declared state of disaster.

Meeting Date: January 14, 2021

Convened: 1:32 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:08 p.m.

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:

DMPT Adam McGough

AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the December 17, 2020 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 December 17, 2020 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance meeting. The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Jaime Resendez

Motion seconded by: CM Cara Mendelsohn

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 asked questions about communications related to vaccine registration, how to reach people who may not have internet access, plans and priorities to vaccinate other groups and demographics that fall outside of the 1A and 1B groups, if it is safe for vaccinated people to be around people who are not vaccinated, how to communicate information from Dallas County more efficiently, how second doses of the vaccine will be properly allocated and distributed to residents, how residents can confirm that they are registered for the vaccine, the vaccine supply chain, who allocates vaccines to Dallas County, if the City can provide labor or clerical support for the County's vaccination efforts, if there is a communications plan for the vaccine, who is responsible for communications about the vaccine, the County's attempts to reach vulnerable populations, and more. Information only.

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM WITHOUT ACTION

B. Update on Federal COVID-19 Relief Legislation

Presenter(s): Brett Wilkinson, Managing Director, Office of Government Affairs; Ralph Garboushian, Legislative Consultant, CapitalEdge Strategies, LLC

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Director Wilkinson and Mr. Garboushian provided an update on federal COVID-19 relief legislation, including funding for emergency rental assistance that the City may receive, and referred to the briefing memorandum. Ad Hoc Committee members asked questions about why rental relief funds will be allocated from the US Treasury Department as opposed to the US Department of

Housing and Urban Development and if landlords can apply for rental relief funding on behalf of tenants. Information only.

C. Update on Rental Assistance Programs

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

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Ad Hoc Committee members discussed the importance of landlords being able to apply for rental relief funding on behalf of tenants. Information only.

ADJOURN (3:08 p.m.)

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Casey Thomas, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19
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