

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: August 12, 2021

Convened: 1:33 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:26 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Casey Thomas, Chair
Tennell Atkins
Cara Mendelsohn
Jesse Moreno
Paul Ridley

Committee Members Absent:

Other Council Members Present:

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER (1:33 p.m.)

- 1. Approval of the May 6, 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 May 6, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance meeting. The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Tennell Atkins

Motion seconded by: CM Jesse Moreno

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 about the applicability of Dallas County's recent emergency orders, the effectiveness and intended outcomes of the County's COVID-19 vaccination outreach efforts, common factors among patients who are vaccinated and COVID-19 positive, information on the County's pop-up COVID-19 clinics, the contingency plan for a lack of ICU beds in hospitals across the region, if the City has funding available to distribute PPE, hospital staff capacity, messaging to encourage masking and vaccination, and more. Staff was asked to update the City's COVID-19 communications strategy. Information only.

B. The White House COVID-19 Response Team's COVID-19 Recovery Efforts

Presenter(s): Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, Senior Advisor, White House COVID-19 Response Team

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith discussed several topics including centering equity in a whole-of-government approach to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of government partnerships in overcoming health inequities, the critical work of getting people access to the vaccine by removing as many structural barriers as possible, the Biden-Harris Administration's health equity efforts, investment in the care infrastructure, the impact of COVID-19 on schools, and more. Ad Hoc Committee members discussed and asked questions about strategies to overcome vaccine hesitancy, particularly in the Black community, COVID-19 messaging strategies to various age groups, and research or resources for proven communication strategies to overcome vaccine hesitancy. Information only.

C. Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation's (PCCI) COVID-19 Recovery Efforts

Presenter(s): Dr. Steve Miff, President and CEO, PCCI

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Dr. Miff gave a presentation on major observations and trends on the COVID-19 Delta variant in Dallas County, the vaccination rate in Dallas County, areas with greatest vaccination opportunity, increasing case counts among school-aged individuals, changes in the COVID-19 vulnerability index rating, changes in COVID-19 prevalence rates relative to the U.S. and other countries, and data about vaccine recipient demographics. Chair Thomas requested Dr. Miff to provide weekly COVID-19 data to the Ad Hoc Committee members. CM Mendelsohn asked Dr. Miff to share the contact information for the state's point of contact for COVID-19 data. CM Moreno requested information on how many homeless people have been vaccinated and asked whether there is a lag in data from private healthcare providers that are administering the vaccine. Information only.

ADJOURN (3:26 p.m.)

APPROVED BY:

Casey Thomas, Chair
Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19
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ATTESTED BY:

Sommer Iqbal, Coordinator
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