

Covid-19 Health, Social Services and Housing Working Group  
January 21, 2021 1:00pm  
MEETING Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 1:04pm

1. Welcome and Introductions
  
2. Approval of Minutes:  
Motion by Jim Butler, second by Deb Monahan - Approved - Unanimous
  
3. DEMHS Update: Mike Caplet
  
4. Unmet Needs Discussion:
  - Mike Caplet provided an overview.
  - Discussion on how large issues/challenges would be addressed.
  - The process of reporting needs up the ladder was addressed.

Mike Caplet: CRC program, TVCCA is designee (Deb Monahan) persons that test positive, the local health district calls with questionnaire. During that assessment, if a critical need is acknowledged, it is recorded, then sent to TVCCA to contact those individuals to assist with housing/food to help them safely quarantine.

Group 1: Disaster case management - focus on individual needs

Group 2: COVID 19 Recovery - high level unmet needs issues, ie: rent/tenant support

5. Concerns of the Region:
  - Program eligibility after loss of income from 2+ income home to 1
  - Immigration status - those without S #
  - Migrant farm workers from DOL
  - Information collection
  - Homecare staffing shortages due to COVID/quarantine
  - Suicide rates

6. Discussion:

Judi:  
ALICE" populations  
Immigration status

Migrant workers  
Emergency Assistance

Allison:  
Home care staffing shortages  
Food insecurity- order groceries \$50

Michele:  
Mental health and suicides over those under 24  
Older adults/middle age

Peter: Access Agency  
Above income qualifications  
Supporting landlords and renters

Fionnuala: CT Fair Housing  
237 million dollars -rental assistance  
Website- [ctfairhousing.org](http://ctfairhousing.org)  
PPP for landlords  
Mortgage forbearance

Mina: Conntac Inc.  
Students not applying for financial aid  
FAFSA: will assess current financial need  
Covering -Danielson & Willimantic region. School scheduling changes/adjustments on short notice  
for childcare arrangements

Nancy- Madonna Place  
School schedules fluctuating causing childcare issues for families

Allison:  
Consistent messaging -scam risks

Peter:  
Mobile food pantry available to towns without local pantries

Judi:  
Providing food distribution for people with covid-19

Dina:  
Mass food distribution sites

Missy:  
Call generation directly for vaccine  
Vaccine rollout at generations: phase 1A are eligible, phase 1B 75 or older - Putnam and Willimantic  
office. Majority going to existing patients then local scheduled appointments.  
Generations is doing outreach to 75 or older patients. Danielson office opening next week to  
provide appointments for vaccines.

Hoween:

NECTD is offering food distribution assistance for people in the region over 65 and/disabled.

Anne:

Groundswell of outreach

Brooklyn and Killingly residents coming to TEEG.

Jennifer UCFS:

Distribution up from 1800 to 13000

Deliveries to people

Hoween:

Help people in Plainfield get to distributions.

Jennifer:

Generations, UCFS, Hartford Healthcare, DKH doing vaccines.

UCFS: Plainfield, Griswold, and Norwich

Numbers will be decreasing due to second doses coming up.

Judi:

New locations for vaccine at northeast medical group – southeast

Jean-

Open Tuesdays and Fridays 9-11

USDA boxes on Thursdays – Outside Pick-Up

Dina:

Assistance with coordinating distribution with other orgs.

Coordinate Efforts on the south

Mike:

USDA distribution in Killingly

Challenging with restrictions: where, when, and how long the truck can be there.

One recurring day every week

Adjournment: 2:06pm