

## Steering Committee

Zoom Meeting Minutes



September 21, 2020 1pm-3 pm

**Members Present**: Barbara Alejandre (Co-Chair), Dr. Erin Gustafson (Co-Chair), Dr. Juan Carlos Belliard, Jackie Combs, Marina Espinoza, Diana Fox, Peggi Hazelett, George Lamb, Josh Lee, Kevin Mahany, Scott Rigsby

**Members Absent**: Jason Cordova, Mike Gallo, Shannon Dicus, Kathleen McDonnell, Kevin Porter, Terrance Stone, Deanna Stover, Elidia Cardenas, Dr. Monica Caffey

On the Phone: Dr. Jay Fiene (Member), Jodie Wingo

**Guests/Staff Present**: Dori Baeza, Tab Okonkwo, Scott Lee, Askari Addison, Monica Guerra, Teslyn Henry-King, Supriya Kevin A, Burrows, Michael Castro, Sara Arispe,

Presenters: Melissa German, Jake Campbell, Dr. C Betters

Minutes taken by: Shelbey Hutchinson-Smith

AGENDA TOPICS	DISCUSSION	Action Items Responsible Person
Call to Order/Introductions	Barbara Alejandre called the meeting to order.	
1.1 Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes	Motion to approve minutes for the September 21, 2020 meeting made by Peggi Hazlett. Motion to second by Josh Lee.	
2.1 Informational Items	Melissa German, Program Manager with the Department of Public Health (DPH), provided a presentation and update on San Bernardino County's (SBC) COVID response. She stated that the	
COVID-19 Essentials	DPH Operations Center (DOC) had been activated since March 2020 to coordinate the community testing activities. Ten COVID testing sites were activated throughout SBC for residents to access testing. As of September 21, 2020, there had been 908 deaths and over 50,000 resolved (no longer infected) cases. She shared that the community could find additional data regarding COVID and the Health Officer's orders at <u>www.sbcovid19.com</u> .	
	The annual influenza (flu) vaccination campaign had begun. The campaign goes to various sites that have Point of Dispensing MOUs and tests the emergency plans. The flu vaccination events will serve as rehearsals for when the COVID vaccine arrives. The campaign will work with community centers, schools, cities, etc. to show where to go for the COVID vaccine.	

	Flu shots will be available at no charge and no appointment is necessary. Residents of SBC are encouraged to get a flu shot this year as hospitals are anticipating a rush of patients in the emergency room as there may be some confusion between COVID symptoms and flu symptoms. Melissa stated that there would be information on the website that provides options for IEHP, pharmacies, and county locations where residents can get vaccinations. The goal is to get as many people vaccinated as possible.Jake Campbell, Data Manager with DPH disparities. He explained the current COVID testing information on the dashboard that showed the onset date when COVID symptoms appeared, as well as the date that a patient received a COVID test. He demonstrated the data breakdown by demographics. Melissa German asked if a person took multiple COVID tests, would the ensuing results count as multiple test entries, Jake confirmed that they would. Much of the ethnicity information is unavailable, as many groups did not provide this information during testing.	
2.2 COVID and Equity	<b>Dr. Cherina Betters presented on Equity and Community Perspectives</b> . She spoke on the differences between ethnicity and race along with the effects of COVID-19 pandemic on social activism, and the political climate. Dr. Betters also demonstrated how equitable leadership in the community is the biggest way to make an impact to address community inequities.	
2.3 Steering Committee	<b>Barbara Alejandre</b> shared an infographic image of the county's "Roadmap to Equity in San Bernardino County". She highlighted the county's planning process and explained how it will create a broad range of choices for residents in how they live, work, and play. A current focus is on the issue of racism and the African-American community. George Lamb explained that the goal of the Equity team was to help educate how individuals can approach the conversation of race and ethnicity. He asked for input from the SC meeting attendees on how collectively this could be achieved.	
	Josh Lee briefly shared how inequities in the built environment was relevant to the meeting's equity discussion. He stated that policy-level actionable items are developed in a scope of work to include planning, housing, and transportation, and that it had been in progress before the nation's current dialogue on racism and social justice. Josh asked the SC members to support the opposition letter to the California High-Speed Rail Authority for the proposed intermodal facility	

	to be built in Colton. He stressed that this facility would negatively affect the local environment and economy. He cited an increase in traffic congestion and truck traffic. As well as a reduction in healthy air quality, thereby negatively impacting the health/wellness of the community. Note: Due to time constraints, the committee granted Josh Lee the option to revisit this topic as an agenda item for the next Community Vital Signs Initiative Steering Committee Meeting.	
3.1 New Business	None due to time constraint	
4.1 Committee Updates	None due to time constraint	
Announcement/Action Items 5.1	None due to time constraint	
Adjourn	Barbara Alejandre adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.	

NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2020