

CRTF HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 22DECEMBER2020

Present (members and City staff): Kathie Lynch, Ann Birner, Bianca Monteiro, James Petersen, Stephanie Seacord, Kristin Shaw, Toni McLellan.

Members of the public: Laura Brown, Andrew Bagley

Action items below follow name of responsible party (name in bold font).

The future of the Health and Reopen Portsmouth Blue Ribbon Committees was discussed at length, with the following understood. **Kristin and Toni** will relay to Kim McNamara and circle back if she is in less than full agreement.

- Health BRC is separate from Reopen BRC, supports the Health Department, and bears its own authority.
- Health BRC members will also be de facto members of the Reopen BRC and will join those meetings.
- Kathie Lynch is the new Health BRC Chair, as of January 1, 2021.
- Ann Birner will take notes during Health BRC meetings, identifying broad discussion topics and action items. Meetings will be recorded in the interest of transparency for those wanting further detail.
- Kim McNamara reports to the City Council regularly. An additional report from the Health BRC is not necessary, nor is a specific plan for 2021. Work will continue in manner similar to 2020.
- **James** will relay to Mayor Becksted our strong interest in Richard DiPentima as a member to replace Mary Morin.

Weekly dashboard was reviewed. **Ann** will present to the Reopen BRC tomorrow. Not on the dashboard but will be mentioned, progress toward vaccine distribution in NH. **Bianca** will provide a useful website for tracking vaccine progress, and consideration will be given to adding a summary to the dashboard in the future.

Kathie is working on next draft of Vaccine FAQ and will circulate for comments. The information in the article "Small data, Big Implications has been incorporated into the Daily Life FAQ. **Stephanie** will add the same information to the Ventilation FAQ. Add information on emerging mutations in the SARS-Co-V2 virus to an FAQ? Will consider but too soon at the moment. **Ann** will bring it up on the Reopen BRC call.

Informational only: Portsmouth High School has proposed half day sessions. Students who are not fully remote would be attending daily either in the morning or the afternoon.