



Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS
Thursday July 22, 2021 8:30 am
Virtual meeting

Meeting Attendance

Alice Ferguson	Marco Palmieri
Judith Gough	Diane Ashworth
Christina Cipriani	Laura Minor
Doug Janssen	Marge Rivera

Meeting Minutes

1. Moment of Silence observed
2. Approval – June Minutes
3. Need to Purchase Item to Transport Items on Wheels (Temporarily using my suitcase)
We would like recommendations of an item to carry our event stuff that is on wheels. This could keep the items contained and also make it easy to drop off to one another.
4. Farmer's Market Preparation – 7/24 – 9:00 – 12:00
Alice picked up the Table, tent and the bin this week. The bin was large enough to store a lot of things, but they were not in there. Laura was able to arrange to pick up the items that we have ordered and she is picking them up today at 10:30. We will go to setup at 9am to be ready for the 10am start. Laura will bring a table because the table that we ordered is very large and heavy.
Laura made the motion to exchange the existing table that was ordered with a foldable portable table, Seconded and voted, motion moved.
Doug will be there to help set up the tent, Laura will also be there.
Laura will assemble the wheel and set up the questions.
We cannot break down until 1pm, everything will need to be packed up to be ready for the next event.

Diane will bring a case or water to the farmers market for those of us that are in attendance.

5. Cambridge Park Family Day Update – August 13th 9:00am- 1:00pm – Alice

We will not need a tent for this event, the event has a tent.

We have some leftover Subway cards that we cannot return. We can use these as gifts for the wheel at the Cambridge Park event. Group discussed this – should they be used for other events? Group voted by consensus to use these for this event.

Event is 9am-1pm only. The health department will also be there at the event. We could likely be at the same table.

6. Update – Mum Festival – September 25th – Hedy

Hedy will fill out the correct paper work and submit it, Hedy will work send out any information to the group via email. We will discuss the specifics at the September 2 meeting.

7. Other Business – Regular September Meeting Need to Plan October Vigil – last year we did

an online vigil. We need to keep in the back of our mind what we are going to be doing.

Should we do this in person again? If it is going to be in a park, we need to reserve this. We had discussed doing this in front of City Hall, there is no fee or application for this area.

Having this event at the city hall can really benefit us with more exposure.

Diane will follow up with the school to see when they are available to participate (choir)

We need to check with the Mayors office to see when she is available and to see when the interior space is available in the event of rain.

Once we have the dates that the school is available, we will find out when the Mayor is available (Date and Alternate Date.)

8. Updates have been made to the Department of Public Health website, added STD data per

our request. We are constantly looking at improving the website. We value any feedback from the public for our website. Please let us know if we can do better.

Public Service Announcements have been coming out from the CDC about testing, this has been shared on the Facebook page.

9. Announcements

We have the quilt that Laura has obtained; we need some fabric markers for the farmers market to continue signing.

Posters, can we hang them on the wall of the tent with some clips? We do not want to damage the posters, so we will look for was to fix them to the walls using binder clips.

Bristol has received a grant for an outreach vehicle, the purchase order is being completed. Needle exchanges is one of the things that this will be used for is. Also education on HIV and Hepatitis will also be available.

On August 4th, the Mayor and Parks and Rec are having a second community discussion about diversity and inclusion. This will be held at Rockwell Park from 5-730 pm, this was a really great presentation last year. There will be tables available for groups in town that support diversity within the city.

Reminder: No Meeting in August

Next Meeting - Special Meeting - Sept. 2, 2021 8:30a.m.

In addition to this, we will have our normal September meeting on September 23rd.