



Mayor's Task Force on AIDS  
Thursday September 24, 2020 8:30 am  
Virtual meeting

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Laura Minor  
Alice Ferguson  
DeLita Rose Daniels  
Hedy Kelley

Phyllis DelMastro  
Christina Cipriani  
Diane Ashworth

1. Meeting called to order at 830 a.m.
2. Moment of Silence Observed
3. Introductions – Alice has extended an invitation to a few people that are active in Bristol Change to see if they would like to join our committee. Application from Christina Cipriani has been received and she has joined this meeting as well. Christina is a past chair of this committee, she is very happy to be back on this committee. She has been with Hartford Dispensary for 22 years, but has not been back in Bristol for about 4 years. Looking forward to getting involved again.
4. Approval of Minutes – Aug, 2020 - Laura Minor, Moved, Phyllis DelMastro, Seconded – voted and accepted as submitted.
5. Social Media Enhancements – Diane Ashworth – discussed at last month's meeting that we would decide what the outcome with the Mayor would be as to the way that this would be moving forward. Diane states that everyone has the ability to post on the Facebook site, but will check the settings to make us all administrators on the Facebook page.  
Do we want the taskforce to be able to post without checking in with each other? DeLita recommended that we have one or two people act as the administrator – that way we can

identify the purpose of the site? If it is just about the TF information than one person can do this, if it is a resource, etc. than we may need to identify more people to do this. It can be a subcommittee that can meet via email.

Laura – the website on the Mayor’s page is also very outdated with old information. Laura will send out information so we can make corrections and submit them back to her; she will then forward the corrections to Mayor’s office.

Can we do the AIDS vigil virtually? Everything has been put off due to COVID – so can we work to make this a FB virtual event? Do we have anyone that can do a live event? The group had a discussion on what to do?

Laura – Mayor sends out a weekly update, can we ask her to get a certificate and commemorate October AIDS awareness month? If the Mayor is willing, we can then take a selfie and create a hash tag to draw attention to our meeting. Can we do this the last week of October after our next meeting so we can then finalize all of the details?

We can pick a day and share the event on Facebook to help to draw attention to the audience. Speaker – lighting of candles – choir – is the usual event content.

We can also make the World Aids Day a virtual event. In order to plan this we will move the meeting in November to the 19<sup>th</sup> (done).

Can we think about what we want posted to the Taskforce webpage so that we can have things posted weekly.

6. Opioid/Hep C – The Way Forward - Alice has sent several emails and phone calls to Marco about the change, his idea was to collaborate with the other taskforces. We voted as a committee to do so. She will continue to reach out to Marco as well as the Opioid TF Chair to find out what the decision of the Mayor is.

DeLita – Spoke with Alice about the intersectionality of HepC with AIDS and Opioid Addiction. With DeLita’s role with the City Health Department, her position is to keep HepC in the forefront of AIDS care as well as keeping AIDS in the forefront of HepC care. Alice would like to have DeLita join her when she discusses the change in the expansion of this taskforce.

Marco’s suggestion is an overarching committee that would help to coordinate all of the taskforces so that the work that is being done coordinated. Our committee voted to expand to addressing HepC and Opioid, working with the Opioid Taskforce.

7. Storage Bin Contains:

1 Box of remaining Task Force pens, AIDS Vigil candles, bags and 2 posters

2 Binders: 2002-2003, 2007-2009 Financials

Still trying to locate Task Force Black Table Cloth and Memorial Quilt before placing bin in storage. (I would like to turn the bin over to Lindsey at Parks and Rec by end the of October)

The quilt is on its way to Laura Minor's office and she will have it in her possession before she retires.

Once all of the items are collected, they will be turned over to Lindsey at City Hall to be put into storage.

8. Other Business – we will hold the November meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Laura – contact Josh Medera, Social Services City of Bristol, he had named someone to come from Best for Bristol. Josh may not know that we are meeting again so Laura will reach out to Josh to let him know when our next meeting is.

9. Announcements

Next meeting: October 22, 2020

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