



Mayor's Task Force on AIDS  
Thursday October 22, 2020 8:30 am  
Virtual meeting

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Laura Minor  
DeLita Rose Daniels  
Hedy Kelley  
Phyllis DelMastro

Alice Ferguson  
Jenelle Howard  
Marge Rivera

1. Meeting called to order at 835 a.m.
2. Moment of Silence Observed
3. Introductions – completed
4. Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2020 – accepted by consensus
5. Mayor Ellen Zoppo – July Task Minutes Item #7 “Motion to change the Taskforce to the Health/Wellness Taskforce” – Mayor Ellen is not on the call, she was going to try to be. Picture was sent out; several members did not receive it. Alice will resend this.

In July – we voted to widen our scope and include HepC and Opioids. Alice discussed this with Marco; he would like to have a committee as a taskforce on Health. We did not want to widen our taskforce too wide, but would like to focus on Opioids, HepC and HIV. In discussion with Marco and the Mayor, they would like us to just concentrate on HIV and HepC, as there is a task force on Opioids.

The Mayor is in support of this. We will need to update our mission statement to include HepC as something in our forefront.

Can we have a motion to adjust our mission statement to include “HIV/AIDS epidemic, HepC and related public health topics.” Delita made a motion to amend the mission

statement to include HIV/AIDS/HCV (adding HCV). Motion made (DeLita) and Seconded - voted and accepted. We will be looking at DeLita for guidance moving forward.

6. WAD – December 1 Virtual Event Planning- We would like to use this photo to advertise a virtual event for World Aids Day.

Discussion – DeLita thought that the proclamation was going to be a substitute for the usual events. We can use this photo and put together a collage set to music.

Proclamation used for October – press release – and put up onto Facebook.

Mayor had planned to close this committee and combine it with Burlington, until she recognized that this committee was doing so much, and also with the increased membership, she now recognizes that this is a valued committee in this community.

What should our next steps be?

We can use this picture for the Month of October, AIDS Awareness Month and also give information related to our event in December.

World AIDS Day event: December 1 – come to the November meeting with ideas.

7. Name/Email Corrections to Laura – Laura has been in touch with Cathy Savino, she has updated the information. Our Information has been updated on the City of Bristol Website along with the minutes. We can add any events to our own webpage on this site as well.
8. Task Force Bin – Ready for Storage – New Items that we purchased this year, Lindsay Rivers at the purchasing office has possession of them. They have not been put in our storage bin as of yet.
9. Other Business:

Salvation Army is doing intakes for Christmas and Thanksgiving. If you know of anyone that needs assistance please refer them to Marge Rivera. This would include Food and Gifts for Children 12 and under.

The Salvation Army is open for donations; the bins are located in the back of the church.

On December 10 and 11, 2 day virtual summit. DeLita's program is partnering with the NY Health Department, intended for an audience from clients, peers, and providers. The program is going to be 10a-1pm each day.

Bristol Interfaith Coalition will be holding the Wednesday Night interfaith Thanksgiving service. During this service, we will be posting different charities in Bristol (Brian's Angels, Salvation Army, Agape House as well as others) with information about how to give to these organizations. If there are any others that we have missed that serve Bristol, please let Laura know.

Gina D'Angelo, a member of the Connecticut Department of Public Health would like to join one of our meetings to discuss the new needs assessment, and also how to partner with the state to support these efforts.

10. Announcements - None

Next meeting: January 28, 2021 8:30am