



Mayor's Task Force on HIV/AIDS/HCV  
Thursday June 24, 2021 8:30 am  
Virtual meeting

PRESENT:

Alice Ferguson  
Christopher Soper  
Marge Rivera  
Laura Minor  
Hedy Kelley  
Phyllis Delmastro

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Moment of Silence
2. Approval - May Minutes – Laura moved to accept with an amendment – accepted by consensus.
3. Introductions – No new members
4. Health District Meeting Update – Laura:
  - Laura attended meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> – Mayor of Bristol and the Manager Burlington Health district were present.
  - Brief presentation, showing that the website was very old – when searching for HIV, STD, Teen Pregnancy, etc. and found nothing. No information on contact, when the meetings are, etc.
  - Compared website to New Britain's website, TB Clinic, STD clinics, etc., are all available on their website.
  - Members of the board were surprised to find that there was no information about STD, HIV, and Pregnancy on the website.

- Staff at the Bristol Burlington Health District does not have that capability to update the site, it is budgeted to upgrade. In the meanwhile the Mayor will send the links to the Health District site, that work can be uploaded in the meanwhile.
- Members were receptive and surprised by the limitations of their website.
- They do have a Facebook Page – but this is mainly used internally. Laura has “Liked” the Health District page, so we can share information with them.
- In the fall, we would like to relook at going back to the Board of Ed, who is in charge of Health Education in the school systems.
- We can also reach out to the Senior Centers as we have found that 60% of the people living with HIV are over 50. People over 50 are still getting infected. Those of us that live and thrive over the age of 50 have things to share with others. The seniors also need to hear this information. We should look at doing this in the fall.

5. Cambridge Drive Family Day Update – Alice spoke with Alicia, they have not started planning as of yet. They will add us to have a table under the tent. We are all signed up. We will not need our tent. August 13<sup>th</sup> is the date set for this. Alice is able to be there until 1pm, please let her know (via email) if you are able to attend.

Alice will pick up the supplies on Wednesday and her granddaughter will help assemble bags. Laura will pick up brochures from the Clearing House as well.

6. Reminder: No Task Force Meeting in August
7. Updates – Mum Festival – Tentative Late September/October: Depending on the cost of having a table, are we interested in having a table? The table rental is usually for 3 days, Friday night, all day Saturday and again on Sunday.

Motion to approve having a table made by Laura, seconded by Phyllis. Voted and accepted. Hedy will find out what we need to fill out an application to be at the Mum festival for Saturday only, on September 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will hold a special meeting on September 2 at 8:30 am to plan this as well as the October event.

We can also see about (or instead of) see about setting up a table at the Farmers Market, this is only for 3 hours on a Saturday morning. Laura will ask the Mayor’s office about getting on the list, to see if they are available.

Once we have the information available we can decide on which we want to do.

8. Updates (Task Force s/b Planning for 2022: Past Events: Bristol Blues, Pride Day)
  - Can we come up with a tentative Calendar of what we will be doing in 2022 – this would allow us to all be aware of the things that are potentially coming up. This past year we were not able to attend the Pride Day event at City Hall because we did not know early enough.
  - Have the calendar updated by November (no meeting in December). We used to meet in July, have a picnic lunch, and decide the calendar for the year.
  - Finish up the calendar in January.
9. Upcoming Events – Additional Information: Nothing to report
10. Other Business: Laura has our AIDS quilt panel that we started working on a few years ago. We have the panel, it is the right size to be submitted to the National Panel. We would like to have more T Shirts and names, we can then assemble to submit to the National Quilt.
11. Announcements: Alice will be starting a new job, AIDS Project Connecticut, she will be an AIDS prevention program assistant. The Van goes to Hartford, Healthcare East, and to Middletown on another day.

**Next Meeting July 22, 2021 8:30a.m.**