

Region 4 Regional Recovery
Health and Social Services/Housing Working Group Agenda
August 18th, 2020 at 1:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 1:12pm

Public Comment - None

Welcome and Introductions: Hoween Flexer

In attendance:

- Mike Caplet
- Alison Dvorak
- Amanda Kennedy
- Anne Miller
- Carl McCluster
- Carol LaBelle
- Carrie Dyer
- Cathy Zall
- Deb Monahan
- Finn Darby-Hudgens
- Gino DeMaio
- Ian Harrington
- Jim Larkin
- Kathleen Krider
- Kathleen Stauffer
- Kathy Orfitelli
- Kristin Hempel
- Kyle McClaine, MD
- Laurel Holmes
- Leanne Theodore
- Les King
- L. Hageman
- Mary DeMarco
- Michele Devine
- M Lenzini
- Patrick McCormack
- Sue Bolen
- Sue Starkey
- Alejandro Melendez-Cooper

Briefing on Recovery Efforts to Date: Mike Caplet

- Provided information on the parameters of this work and what the state priorities and goals are. PowerPoint can be viewed in the meeting link.

Discussion on health and social services/housing recovery issues re: COVID

- Discussed some of the health and housing related covid-19 needs and challenges:
- Discussed in detail the focus areas listed below
- Housing (Evictions/Rental and Mortgage Assistance)
- Healthcare
- Education
- Employment
- Other Issues
- Social Isolation of Elderly in all locations.
- Access to transportation
- Internet connectivity
- Food, etc.

Other Comments:

- It is our understanding that a landlord cannot serve a notice to quit until 9/1/2020. The courts are not hearing these cases in most instances. It also has cancelled foreclosure sales previously scheduled and assigned a new date of 10/3/2020. NPU shutoff in effect to 9/9, PURA directed that shutoffs for residential property remain in effect during the declared emergency which runs to 9/9 unless the governor earlier terminates it or extends it. I am not sure as to non- residential property as I think it was once until 8/1. Service of all issued executions on evictions and ejectments were stayed through 8/1 by a court order issued 6/9.
- We are receiving several housing complaints each day from tenants. Very often this demonstrates a fear on the part of tenants and the desire to get an order to the landlord that may delay an eviction

Access will be working with TVCCA on providing case management to COVID + identified individuals soon, information on that will be forthcoming.

Requests to be added to the Group:

- Sue Rochester-Bolen - Deputy Regional Disaster Officer / American Red Cross CT/RI Region.
- Pastor Carl McCluster

Resources made available to the attendees:

- <https://www.ctfairhousing.org/covid-19-daily-response-effort/>
- <https://www.ctfairhousing.org/connecticut-trhap/>

Next Steps

- Requested any additional concerns be emailed to Hoween for discussion at a future meeting
- Established a goal to narrow and consolidate the list and eliminate over lap

Next Meeting - TBD

Adjournment at 2:20pm