

Connecticut DESPP/DEMHS Region IV
Recovery Steering Committee

Health, Social Services and Housing Working Group

February 16, 2021 - Meeting Notes

Attendance:

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| John Filchak | Mark Oefinger | Jean Cyr | Fionnuala Darby-Hudgens |
| Mickey Morabito | Carol LaBelle | Mike Caplet | Les King |
| Emma King | Mary DeMarco | Alexis Meehan | Mike Caplet |
| Carly Holzschuh | Deb Monahan | Ian Matthew | Peter DiBiasi |
| Jim Butler | Carrie Dyer | Harrington | Maureen Nicholson |
| Amanda Kennedy | Mike Van | Brianna DeVivo | Barbara Sinko |
| Missy Meyers | Anne Miller | Carla Iezzi | Dina Sears-Graves |
| Diane Manning | Cathy Zall | Carrie Dyer | Susy Hurlbert |
| | Cathryn Silver Smith | Darlene Richards | Mary Calorio |



Topics of Discussions:

- What are the needs?
- How many people are affected?
- What actions must be taken to address these needs?
- What solutions are proposed?
- Were these needs prior to the pandemic?
- Funding needs; how much is required?

- Are there supporting documents that would be helpful regarding the unmet needs

Previous Meeting Topics of Discussion:

- Program eligibility after loss of income
- Immigration status (those without social security numbers)
- Migrant farm workers
- Information collection
- Homecare staffing shortages
- Suicide rates

Health Discussion:

- Access (transportation, cost, technology, other)
 - Access to vaccinations
 - Issues with technology to schedule appointments and schedule transportation for those in the senior demographic
 - NECTD has provided 28 elderly members, to date, of the community transportation to and from vaccinations - numbers are increasing daily.
 - Generations has been doing reverse outreach by calling their senior patients to help facilitate
 - Technology and language barriers for rental assistance applications

Human Services Discussion (navigation of the system):

- Door to door and mailing info has been helpful in addition to technology based literature - especially to those that are distanced from technology.

Housing Discussion (quality and availability):

- Landlords are uninformed about options prior to beginning the eviction process

Future Meeting Dates (3rd Tuesday of the month, 1:00pm) :

- March 16, 2021
- April 20, 2021
- May 18, 2021