



CHIP Health Equity Data Working Group
Meeting Notes
9/30/21

Present:

- Josh Nugent/UMass Biostats Grad Student
- Elizabeth Quirk/CHIP Anxiety and Depression WG Member
- Melanie Zamojski/GCC Nursing, CPHS Health District, and Montague Board of Health
- Kim Scammon/Greenfield Housing Authority
- Jessica Atwood/FRCOG Economic Development Program Manager
- Phoebe Walker/FRCOG Director of Community Services
- Jen Audley/CHIP Project Coordinator

Regrets:

- Michele Lafleur/Three County COC (CAPV)
- Cheryl L Dukes/UMass College of Nursing

1. Review our task and Timeline. We confirmed this description of our task:

Telling the story of COVID in Franklin County/North Quabbin. How and where was the impact of COVID19 felt in our region, and what strengths and challenges did our region have in managing the pandemic? How can we use this data for to improve life in our region?

We agreed that we will spend more time in the coming meetings talking about the list of strengths to include.

2. Employment and Economic Impact Data: What does it tell us? What questions do we have? Jessica Atwood, FRCOG Economic Development Program Manager, reviewed the Unemployment and Unemployment Insurance Claimant Data available so far. Question: look at # over 16-65 to compare

1. Reviewing data on COVID impact from DESE, MAVEN, DPH Survey -- What does it tell us? What questions do we have? – Josh Nugent, CHIP Biostatistician

2. Other reports from Working Group members:

- a. Phoebe reported that the revenue research was a work in progress at DOR, and that Housing assistance data would be shared at the next meeting.
- b. Josh reported that the Head Start data would be available at the next meeting.
- c. We discussed how to tell how much land is being sold for housing for the first time -- looking at the # of new septic systems that have been put in to add to the real estate questions people have raised.
- d. Jessica shared a PVPC Dashboard in development – PW will send out the link.
- e. Kim will follow up on the Brick House Focus Groups for qualitative data.
- f. Phoebe mentioned a Federal Reserve Bank Report on Housing –she will share it.
- g. The group would like to understand # childcare slots before and after the pandemic – will survey CAPV, Jaduke, Girls Club, YMCA.
- h. We wonder if there is BRFS pre-covid data on mental health for our region.