

HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 26, 2021
5:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Gopal Rajegowda, subcommittee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. Tiffany David, of the City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office, took attendance of the participants for the meeting record. Kayla Elson, of Justice & Sustainability Associates, reviewed the meeting agenda.

March Meeting Minutes

No comments were made about the March meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as distributed.

Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

Kayla Elson confirmed with the subcommittee members that the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm -7:00 pm is still a viable time for the subcommittee to meet.

June 12th Action Summit

Kayla Elson provided an update on outreach for the June Action Summit. Both the Mayor's Office and the Justice and Sustainability Associates team have been working diligently to promote the Action Summit. This has included employing a strong media strategy, providing outreach support to Task Force members, and engaging with community leaders and organizations to spread the word. Subcommittee members then shared their efforts to promote the Action Summit through their networks and strategies to engage different communities within West Palm Beach. Then, Kayla Elson shared information about the "run of show" for the Action Summit including the roles and responsibilities of the subcommittee members during the Summit.

Subcommittee members also discussed expectations and concerns in anticipation of beginning to draft recommendations to the Mayor. Devin Pierce, subcommittee member, inquired about some challenges and roadblocks the subcommittee may face such as funding for their proposed recommendations. Subcommittee members discussed exploring a variety of funding options to ensure their recommendations are sustainable as well as researching how to plan for emergency situations and not enough city staff to support large initiatives or major health crises.

Health Survey

George Soria, subcommittee co-chair, asked if the health surveys have been shared with the public and suggested that the surveys be shared at community events. The Health Surveys are currently live on wpbequalitytaskforce.com in English with Spanish and Creole forthcoming. Devin Pierce stated that he would look into sharing the health survey at the COVID-19 sites and



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at hospitals. Subcommittee Members were encouraged to continue to promote and share the Health Survey.

Public Comment

Kayla Elson opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments made.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by George Soria at 7:04 PM. The next Health subcommittee meeting will be held on June 8th from 5:30 - 7 PM on Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Gopal Rajegowda, Subcommittee Co-Chair
George Soria, Subcommittee Co-Chair

Jerry Deng, Subcommittee Member
Naomi Ruth Cobb, Subcommittee Member
Devin Pierce, Subcommittee Member

Tiffany David, City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office
Kayla Elson, Justice & Sustainability Associates
Milena Almetica, Justice & Sustainability Associates

Absent:

Mary Ligon, Subcommittee Member
Jennifer Jean Bell, Subcommittee Member