

Community Advisory Response Team Minutes

May 26, 2020 2PM Zoom

Committee: David Hill, Melissa Yosua-Davis, MARY Hot, Donna Damon, Bev Johnson, Leila Bisharat, Erika Neuman, Eliza Jane Adams, Denise Hamilton, Ann Kirkpatrick, Marjorie Stratton, Carol Sabasteanski, Polly Wenworth, Jim Cox-Chapman, Kim Webb, Jim Gallagher, Kim Vetkatraman

Public: Chip Emery, Donna Colbeth, John Holt, Nancy Hill, Stacie Webb, Toby Webb, Paul Belesca, Matt Ridgway

Minutes: Leila moved and Eliza Jane seconded to approve the minutes as circulated. Unanimous.

Updates:

CTC: Carol reported that the bus will start running on June 1. Passengers will be required to wear masks and gloves. The bus drivers requested the use of gloves. They may have disposable gloves available for passengers if they need them. Rt. 1 parkers must move back to Rt 1 by June 7, because the Mellins want to use their lot on Cousins. Carol thanked them for their generosity. She stated that folks from out of state who have not quarantined will not be able to ride the bus. Ridership is down 70%. New tickets will be used on June 1st. Riders can use the white covid tickets for a grace period. After that they can turn them in for credit on the purchase of the new tickets. Tickets must be bought at the CTC office. Carol stated that no one had protested wearing masks, but some passengers had complained about the ticket process and that the crew didn't load the freight. To date few people have used the barge to come to quarantine but that will increase. CTC can barge 5 days a week until June 7th, but there will be a public meeting in Yarmouth to determine if CTC can get an exemption. Chip commented that the CTC video had 365 hits, and he offered to update it if needed. David thanked Carol and CTC.

Nancy Hill mentioned that she had just made her first trip to the mainland. Although she had been worried she felt very safe on the boat.

CRC: Eliza Jane reported that CRC had interviewed and chosen an island fellow, who is female from New Jersey who had served in the Peace Corps in Gambia. Her primary job will be to create youth programs. CRC is looking for housing for the fellow. The Island Institute pays up to \$1000/month. They can rent a house; rent a room; or have a roommate.

CRC has not decided if it will open the pool or what kind of programs they will offer. They are working on a plan.

Communication: Leila thanked the Communication Team as well as Marjorie and Carol for their willingness to share. As time goes on there will be more questions needing more nuanced answers. She stated that we are lucky to have Jim CC and Kip. Kip explained that we have to have plans for quarantining under various scenarios. Leila commented that we cannot underestimate the importance of culture when creating messages. More people seem to be watching the videos than the written updates. *The Quiet Summer* has had 910 hits. Kip stated that we are still in the education mode. David thanked Kip and Jim CC for taking the lead in trying to bring testing to the island. This effort would supplement the CDC. Polly thanked the Communication Committee providing information for people to read and letting them make their own decisions. Marjorie pointed out that we want to be safe and want everyone else to be safe. Leila suggested creating a “welcoming kit”. Erika wants folks from organizations to email: townofchebeaguecovid19@gmail.com with updates. It is time for an updated update as we transition to phase 2. Nancy Hill told about her experience having an antibody test at Urgent Care in South Portland. You are only contacted if it is positive.

Masks: Polly stated that they could use 40 masks a week. 10 were given away the previous week at the Food Pantry.

New Business: Melissa suggested that we need to create a forum where folks can share their concerns and address some of the underlying issues that seem to surface from time to time when people want to return and people who are here are afraid. Leila, Marjorie, Donna, Kip, and Melissa will meet to flesh out this idea. Jim G. volunteered to roll play. Erika felt it should be a 7-8 person listening session. Eliza Jane suggested 2 or 3 participants come from CART.

Donna welcomed the Chebeague Boatyard to the Zoom Meeting, and Paul Belesca thanked her for the inclusive comments. He stated that he would jump in when needed.

Schedule: The frequency of future meetings will be discussed at the next CART meeting.

Adjourn: Leila moved and Polly seconded to adjourn at 3:10 pm. Unanimous.

Next Meeting: June 2 at 2 PM on Zoom