



**CARES Act Task Force Committee to Assist the Most Vulnerable Meeting
Meeting Minutes – Friday, June 25, 2020
5:00 p.m. Virtual Zoom Webinar**

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Co-Chair Marcus Henry, Carrie Casey, Marihelen Barrett, Judge Aida Wasserstein, Valerie George, Rev. Nnamdi Chukuocha, Rev. Clifford Johnson, Renee Beaman, Chuck McCausland

Committee Members Absent: Chairperson Senator Elizabeth Lockman, Ian McConnel, Ashley Christopher

Others in Attendance: County Executive Matthew S. Meyer, Chief of Staff Aundrea Almond, County Attorney Mary Jacobson and six members of the public.

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Marcus Henry
- Opening remarks by County Executive Matt Meyer concerned the deployment of the Federal and State COVID-19 funds received. The County has created several CARES Act Task Force Committee's to bring together information on resources, identify people and programs in order to present a clear connection for the dispersed fund. Executive Meyer thanked those on the committee for their leadership and support.
- Committee members and support staff introductions.
- Co-Chair Marcus Henry provided an overview of the CARES Act Task Force Committee, and the Committee's focus and timeline. The intent is for the Committee to provide recommendations to County Executive Meyer by July 31, 2020.
- Co-Chair Marcus Henry provided a presentation explaining the scope of the Committee's work, Committee's meeting governance, and projected timeline for the work of the Committee.
- Staff Attorney Mary Jacobson provided information on Delaware's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and how it applies to the committee and future meetings.
- Co-Chair Marcus Henry facilitated a discussion on meeting times and suggested Wednesday's as the meeting day. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 2020 with the time to be determined. This meeting time will likely stay consistent over subsequent weeks through July.
- Committee member Aida Wasserstein asked if there were requirements from the Department of Treasury on the use of funds being distributed. Staff Attorney Mary Jacobson acknowledged that the laws were being looked over at the Federal, State, and County level.

- Committee member Marihelen Barrett suggested that it would be helpful to receive data from agencies that support the vulnerable population. United Way and Delaware Community Foundation reports on recent COVID-19 funding awards, information from qualified non-profit organizations, and information directly from the vulnerable population.

Public Comment

- A representative from Community Legal Aid regarding the need for NCC Cares Funding to focus on housing related assistance.

Adjournment:

- Co-Chair Marcus Henry adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.