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Maine Medical Center Neighborhood Advisory MMC NAC Notes

Name	Email	Role	Attending?
1 Spencer Thibodeau	sthibodeau@portlandmaine.gov	District 2 City Councilor	video
2 Nell Donaldson	hcd@portlandmaine.gov	Portland Senior Planner	no
3 Peter Hall	spruceboy@maine.rr.com	West End	no
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5 Anne Pringle	oldmayor@maine.rr.com	Western Prom	video
6 Alvah Davis	alvah.davis@gmail.com	Western Prom	no
7 Brett Gabor	brett.gabor@gmail.com	Libbytown	no
8 Ed Suslovic	esuslovic@gmail.com	Libbytown	video
9 Emma Holder	pna@parksideneighborhood.org	Parkside	video
10 Liz Trice	liztrice@gmail.com	Parkside	video
11 Moses Sabina	mosessabina@yahoo.com	St John Valley Neighborhood	video
12 Tim McNamara	stjohnvalley@live.com	St John Valley Neighborhood	no
13 Jennifer L. McCarthy	JMcCarthy@mmc.org	MH Chief Operating Officer	phone

Guests: None

Jen update:

Team has done a great job. They made a decision March 12 to go into emergency "Incident Command" it was done sooner than needed, which was good- they tripled number of ICU beds, moved tons of patients, created negative pressure rooms, within a few weeks were asked to get procedures in place to create a "sealed hospital", within 24 hours set up a testing site, has to prohibit visitors, to date, has treated 103 covid patients, and 300-400 probably cases.

MaineHealth has two other sites that take covid patients.

Earlier on was mostly older people with comorbidities, but are starting to see younger people. Are testing every pregnant woman who comes in to deliver, has had a few women who were surprised to test positive. State has always allowed open heart surgery, but is now allowing more time -sensitive procedures, and is testing all patients.

MMC underestimated how many people that had DNR and living wills in place, that many were managed in nursing homes rather than came to hospital.

They don't test the staff unless there is exposure or symptoms.

It's been a nice time to work here - people are really appreciative, and we've had the PPE we need. Has had \$100,000 in donations, has established relationships with open, and every day has 500 meals that they give to departments.

Re IDEXX testing: right now they only test people over 65, from a nursing home, certain pre-existing conditions. MMC is starting to say, will we test everyone?

A better metric than positive tests is hospital admissions and deaths; hospital admissions happens before deaths would go up.

It's going to be a different normal for a long time. She has people packed into small offices.

Typically there would be 150 students and 150

Postpone MMC report meeting until July. MMC will make their presentation, and Ed also asks each neighborhoods to make any notes or requests that are relevant to planning, so at a later meeting can focus on planning.

Jen asks for what presentation required in July in bullet form.

Ed will send list of questions that he's collected for people to add their requests.

Meeting in June will allow Spencer to give a report, too.

Grants:

Spencer has been coordinating with Nel; \$60k that's going to city for improvements to city spaces, Nel is working to set up bank accounts, will accept by order of city council, will finalize process.

Jen says MMC lost \$50M last month (usually makes a few million/month) would appreciate seeing invoicing for this and Healthy Neighborhood. Spencer and Jen will work out.

Ed says it would be great for a hospital and city to do a joint press release.

Lin is getting questions from West End wanting to know exact dates - Spencer thinks city will accept funds officially by end of June, then they'd be available.

Parkside is looking for official written response.

The city gave Spencer a draft form with performance guarantee language.

Ed will send email with the award slate to the neighborhood associations.

Construction Updates:

Timing has been good with Covid; a lot of stabilizing has had to be done so that we can dismantle garage mid summer. It will be a very slow process with misters to keep dust down. They've allowed employees to park in visitor garage as visitors have not been allowed.

Moses says more employees are parking on Gilman, Valley, St John.

Jen thinks employees are avoiding shuttle busses, Spencer said city is not ticketing.

Jen says Spencer is fine with city ticketing.

Emma thinks that more residents are parking their cars and leaving them for weeks at a time.

Moses has noticed more people walking.

City revenue has been hit: Parking, excise tax, development fees, cruise ships 5-10% reduction in revenues. New property tax assessments have been pushed off -

MMC is keeping employees "whole", so some are working from home, and others aren't working, but everyone is getting paid.

Standing Agenda Items (15 minutes total)

- Approve Previous Minutes
- Updates on MMC Expansion Project: Construction, updates, timeline, mitigation
- Subcommittee updates: Grants, Neighborhood Planning

- (MMC and Neighborhood Updates sent out prior to meeting, not discussed unless needed)