Executive Office Report
November 2020 Board Meeting
Intergovernmental Relations Update

Tierney Flaherty
Director of Intergovernmental Relations

- Housing Stability Notification Act
- Housing Stability Pledge *(30+ landlords)*
COVID-19 Thanksgiving Guidance:

- Safest option: celebrate with people in your household
- Harm reduction advice for those who choose to host or attend gatherings

Safest option: Celebrate with people in your household
Communications Update

Social Gatherings Spread COVID-19
Small gatherings can turn into large spread

COVID-19 Workplace Safety
When you take a break, COVID-19 doesn't. Don't let your guard down.
Hirings and Promotions to Senior Leadership Positions

Kathleen Jeanty, Director of Communications

Triniese Polk, Director of Racial Equity & Community Engagement
Questions?
Comments?
Discussion?
Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis Update

Triniese Polk, Director of the Office of Racial Equity and Community Engagement
Margaret Reid, Interim Chief of Staff
Gerry Thomas, Interim Deputy Director
Declaration of Racism as a PH Crisis

Policy and Practice
1. Policy and practice solutions that work to dismantle systemic racism
2. ‘Boston Health Equity Now’ plan
3. Engagement of historically marginalized communities
4. Availability of specific race and ethnicity data that documents the health inequities that exists
5. Analysis of Social Determinant of Health Data to better understand inequities
6. Access to prevention and treatment that is culturally and linguistically competent
7. Direct service programs and services
8. Advocacy at the State and National level

Advocacy and Access

Data
Partnership

BPHC

City Hall Chief of Equity Cabinet
Standard Practices

- Equitable Community Engagement
- Standard Race/Ethnicity Data Collection
- Equitable Budgeting Practices
- Representative Leadership
Questions, Comments, Discussion Welcome!
Request for Information
Overview
Send to **750 community partners/residents**.
- Distributed to over 1000+
- **60%** of resident responses should be from **priority zip-codes**
  - **57%** from priority zip-codes
- **85% of responses should be from Black residents**, other People of Color
  - **64%** identified Black and people of color, **14%** were Other
- Receive at least **200 responses**
  - **197** resident, **23 org**, **10 testimony**
- From BOH – **75%** of responses should be from residents.
  - **86%** from residents
Organization Responses

- Sector
  - Youth, Youth mentorship
  - Homelessness/Housing
  - Recovery Services
  - Domestic and Partner Violence
  - Healthcare
  - Community supports (including food equity, housing, childcare, Elder Services)
  - Mental Health Services (including Youth and LGBTQIA+ survivors of violence)
  - Labor and Employment
  - Civic Engagement and Empowerment
Recurring Themes: Residents

- Experiences of racism (individual and community)
  - Racial profiling by police
  - Persistent sadness and anxiety attributed to racism
  - Need for housing support
  - Access to healthcare (financial, transportation)
  - Discomfort in Boston due to subtle exclusion
  - Physician bias, unequitable healthcare provision
  - Lingering effects of segregation, redlining
  - Lack of economic mobility
  - Lack of investment in neighborhoods of color
  - Unequal school funds
Areas for Potential Action

- **Racial Justice and Health Equity**
  - Create a framework of accountability for the City's work on racial justice and health equity, communicate progress towards goals with Boston communities
  - Provide training and technical assistance for racial justice and health equity and trauma-informed services

- **Participatory City Policy and Budget Process**
  - Participatory budget process with residents, community input on City spending
  - Convene a partnership to create a city-wide referral network to optimize and leverage use of resources, shares critical data about each Boston neighborhood that informs programming, and recruits specific organizations as thought leaders

- **Increase Scope of Existing Programs**
  - Oversee a City Fund that distributes to community programs providing public health services to specific vulnerable communities.
  - Increase street outreach and coordination of services for homeless residents and those with opioid use disorder
  - More COVID-19 testing sites
  - Increase funding and support to existing programs, like the Division of Violence Prevention and Ryan White Dental Program
Do you hear these themes and recommendations from your communities?

Are there action or issue areas we should be prioritizing?

Questions?
Thank you to our reviewers!

Britt Frederick, MA – Policy and Strategy Specialist

Christine Thuy-Anh Vu, MPA – Associate Division Director, Healthy Homes, Community Initiatives Bureau
Strategy 4: Data Availability and Collection

Boston Health Equity Measure Set (BHEMS)
- Selected a vendor from several high-quality responses and launched two Advisory Council committees:
  - Equity Measurement (clinicians & QI staff)
  - Technical (IT staff)


Capacity: hired 1 Epidemiology manager, hiring 2 FTE epidemiologists
- Soliciting pricing to conduct BBRFS in languages other than Spanish and English
- Sample size provides power for neighborhood-level and special population group (e.g., LGBT, public housing residents) analyses as well as multivariate regression models
- Boston tool reflects BPHC priorities (e.g., health equity, social determinants of health, chronic disease)

Strategy 5: Data Analysis and Social Determinants of Health
Vendor Selection
• July 2020 – RFP issued
• August 2020 - Response scoring & discussion
• September 2020 - Software demonstration, scoring, discussion
• October 2020 - References & final selection
• November 2020 – Contract

Next Steps
• Kick off committees for measure setting, implementation
  • Equity Measurement (Clinical & Quality Improvement staff)
  • Technical (IT Staff)
• Connect hospitals and health centers by March 2021
• Creation of measures continues through 2021
COVID-19 Update
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**What is the Metric?**
This metric tells us how many new cases we’re seeing each day and how quickly COVID is spreading. Data to the right of the vertical line are considered incomplete. Our goal is to be at 67.9 cases or less per day (10 per 100K residents). Our threshold for concern is 339.7 cases per day (50 cases per 100K residents).

**Current Status**
225.3 daily positive tests (as of 11/12) based on the 7 day trailing moving average.

Number Above Goal (67.9): 157.4

Number Below Threshold (339.7): 114.3
What is the Metric?
This metric helps us understand if we’re doing enough testing and if we’re seeing widespread cases. Data to the right of the vertical line are considered incomplete. Our goal is to be at less than 4% positivity. Our threshold for concern is 5% or more positivity for Boston OR 8% or more positivity for 4 or more Boston neighborhoods.

Current Status
5.4% daily positive test rate (as of 11/12) based on the 7 day trailing moving average.

Percentage Points Above Goal (4.0%): 1.4
Percentage Points Above Threshold (5.0%): 0.4
Number of Boston Neighborhoods ≥ 8%: 1
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What is the Metric?
This metric helps us understand the broader impact of COVID-19 on hospital emergency departments. Our goal is to see this number remain flat or decrease. Our threshold for concern is 7 or more days of consecutive increase as compared to the same day the previous week.

Current Status
215.4 daily COVID-19 ED Visits (as of 11/16) based on the 7 day trailing moving average.

Number of Consecutive Days Higher Than Same Day Previous Week (7): 1
Percentage of Available Adult ICU and Adult Medical/Surgical Beds at Boston Hospitals, All Patients

7-day Moving Average (Trailing), Oct. 14 to Nov. 16

Threshold=20.0%

Percentage of Occupied Adult Non-Surge ICU Beds* at Boston Hospitals, All Patients

7-day Moving Average (Trailing), Oct. 14 to Nov. 16

Threshold=95.0%
Enhanced Response to Increased COVID Activity for the next 60 days

As of Nov. 2, 2020