



**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 13, 2020 | 9 – 10 a.m.**

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**Commissioners present:** Mary Daly, Lisa Senecal

**Staff:** Lilly Talbert (Recording)

**Meeting called to order 9:04 a.m.**

**Discussion of COVID-19 Impacts:**

**PPE | Nurses:** Inspired by Meredith Roberts of ANA's presentation at last week's VCW meeting re: availability/provision of personal protective equipment for nurses, Lisa touched base with Jason Maulucci at the Governor's office, and he in turn put her in touch with Department of Public Safety Commissioner, Mike Schirling. Lisa had a conversation with Mr. Schirling and he'll be in touch with Meredith directly. In addition, Commissioner/Rep. Marybeth Redmond put Meredith in touch with Senate President Pro Tempore Tim Ashe. Meredith will be able to convey directly to these leaders concerns expressed by Vermont nurses in the survey and in the group letter.

**Volunteering:** Mary reported working with the Medical Reserve Corps as a volunteer at hospital entry in St. Johnsbury last month. She's not received a callback and hopes that means they're set with many volunteers.

**VCW Info. | Resources:** Lilly invited the committee to review health and safety resources on our new COVID-19 resource page, and to send health and safety impacts to women material for our social media platforms.

**Safety | Domestic and Sexual Violence:** Lisa S. is working with the Network to explore a mechanism for women to call 911 and not have to speak, but rather, use a 3-digit code to report a domestic violence incident. Calling 911 and asking to order a pizza is in place as code for domestic violence now, but this idea wouldn't require a conversation, protecting the caller from being overheard by the perpetrator. This would be particularly helpful during this time of home isolation. Lisa is exploring what countries have this in place, and the technology, funding, and training involved. Lilly will research the latest on Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

**Discussion of Nutrition Project**

**Prevalence | Outcomes in Minority Communities:** Poor health outcomes often result from lack of access to good nutrition. During this pandemic we should track prevalence outcomes in minority communities, and tie in our work to reintroduce nutrition education in schools. Mary and Lisa C. will continue work with Hunger Free Vermont and with Brock from Cabot School about most effective ways to approach this.

**VOTE: Approve [minutes from February 10th](#)**

Lisa S. motions approve; Mary seconds. Minutes approved.

**Next steps:** Meet Monday, May 11th 9 AM

**Meeting adjourned 9:40**