



**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday June 9, 2020 | 9:00 a.m.**

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**Commissioners present:** Mary Daly (Presiding), Lisa Senecal, Lisa Carlson

**Staff:** Lilly Talbert (Recording)

**Meeting called to order 9:00 a.m.**

**VOTE:** approve [minutes from May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting](#)

Lisa S. motions to approve; Lisa C. seconds; May minutes approved.

**Discussion: nutrition project**

Lisa C. reported legislative activity on S.223 and H.812 is postponed. She plans to stay in contact with those working on the issue and the committee can reengage in this work in the fall.

Following up from our May discussion, Lisa C. contacted the director of Caledonia Central Supervisory Union food service, Ken Cyr to inquire about school meal provision. The SU serves seven schools and reported a significant increase in requests for school meals between mid-March and mid-May: 575 for each meal – breakfast and lunch, a total of 1150 meals per day. The Agency of Education Child Nutrition Programs collects that data. There is a planned break between the close of school and the resumption of the summer meals program, which will be for pick-up only and which will use federal funding, as long as it lasts. Lisa S. asked if there other organizations that can assist in those pick-ups, if there are privacy concerns in doing so, or if there is volunteer coordination needed in those communities.

Also follow-up from last meeting: Lisa C. sent a note to Vermont Commissioner of Health Dr. Mark Levine about the importance of accessing routine vaccines and health care for Vermonters who've avoided medical visits for themselves and their children out of concern for exposure to COVID. Dr. Levine has recently been addressing this topic in press conferences and in VDH communications.

Mary is working on a paper about sodium, what it is, what it does and how to avoid it. She plans to issue it as an op ed, but also may work with MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) staff to distribute in some way.

**Discussion: COVID-19 impacts to VT women**

During the summer, Lilly invites stories, articles, and posts about C-19 impacts on health and safety of Vermont women that VCW can share in our newsletter or on social media.

Lisa C. expressed concern for the wellbeing of children upon return to school; what will procedures look like and how will that impact health of kids and families.

Lisa S. reported Xusana Davis plans to join our full VCW meeting tomorrow, addressing access to health care and insurance for our minority communities in light of C-19 and the work of the new racial equity taskforce.

Mary requested members notify Lilly with emergent issues requiring a meeting during the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM

Next meeting: Monday, September 14th, 9 AM