

**SC DHEC Pee Dee COVID-19 –
Regional Community Assessment Review and Equity (CARE) Panel
Virtual Meeting: May 18th, 2021
1:00 – 2:00 PM
AGENDA**

Present:

Bruce Bailey, Alliance for Healthier SC, President and CEO, Tidelands Health
 Jim Bruckner, SCDHEC-Pee Dee Region Health Director
 Kelly Eaddy, SCDHEC- Pee Dee Region, Covid Operations Deputy
 Amanda Heirs, SCHA Representative
 Greg King, SCDHEC-Pee Dee Region, IT
 Ann Lewis, CEO, CareSouth Carolina
 Rebecca Leach, SC Retail Association, Executive Director
 Suzette McClellan, SCDHEC- Pee Dee Region Community Systems Director
 Ruthie Odom, Director of Covid Operations, SCDHEC Pee Dee Region
 Adam Parsons, Executive Director, Access Health Pee Dee
 Dana Rogers, SCDHEC-Pee Dee Region, Secretary
 Emily Way, SCDHEC- Pee Dee Region, Covid Vaccination Lead
 Sheila Welch, Director, Vantage Point, SC Department of Aging

Absent:

Tom Crawford, MUSC, Interim CEO of Florence Division
 Katie Dorrell, Williamsburg Rural Health Clinic, Practice Manager
 Tim DuBose, Lee County EMS, Director
 Sandra Gilliard, St. James Health & Wellness, CEO
 Chris Hardy, Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, President and CEO
 Lesli McGee, McLeod Health, Senior VP Care Coord. and Home Care Services
 Dr. Nancy Ofendo Reyes, Nursing Professor, SC Commission for Minority Affairs
 Monty Robertson, SCHA Representative
 Madie Robinson, SC Chapter of the NAACP
 Heather Shelton, MD, SC Medical Association
 Brian Sponseller, MD, CMO, Carolina Pines RMC
 John Williams, SCHA Representative

1. DHEC update (Jim Bruckner):

a. Most current data for Pee Dee Region Counties shared:

County	Total County Population	Population Eligible For Vaccine	% of Population 12+ yrs.	Total Vaccinations Administered (Pfizer, Moderna, and Janssen)	% of Population Received At Least 1 Dose	% of Population Vaccination Series Completed	% of Vaccine Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated
		Population Eligible		Vaccine Administered			
Chesterfield	45,650	39,632	82.38%	21,057	53.1%	9,997	25.2%
Clarendon	33,745	29,556	84.60%	19,283	65.2%	9,445	32.0%
Darlington	66,618	57,441	82.20%	43,255	75.3%	20,031	34.9%
Dillon	30,479	25,436	79.33%	15,224	59.9%	7,413	29.1%
Florence	138,293	116,636	80.31%	88,784	76.1%	41,003	35.2%
Georgetown	62,680	54,636	83.96%	51,554	94.4%	24,856	45.5%
Horry	354,081	292,546	79.62%	258,623	88.4%	120,974	41.4%
Lee	16,828	15,221	86.73%	8,993	59.1%	4,161	27.3%
Marion	30,657	26,626	82.51%	18,932	71.1%	8,808	33.1%
Marlboro	26,118	23,198	85.30%	11,922	51.4%	5,516	23.8%
Sumter	106,721	89,604	79.95%	50,724	56.6%	23,187	25.9%
Williamsburg	30,368	27,087	85.44%	18,718	69.1%	9,207	34.0%
Grand Total	942,238	797,619		607,069		284,598	35.7%

1. Minority populations vaccines administered pulled from state website for counties we are paying attention to:
 - a. Chesterfield county 38% minority only 17% are fully vaccinated
 - b. Dillon county 3,282 minorities vaccinated is about 20% of eligible population
 - c. Lee 22% of minority population vaccinated
 - d. Marlboro 15% of minority population vaccinated
 - e. Sumter 21% of minority population vaccinated

2. Panel Discussions:

a. **Community Collaboratives (Suzette McClellan)**

- a. Weekly basis- send out an email blast to over 300 individuals within our region, vaccine facts, DHEC/partner clinics, goes throughout all 12 counties in all the media, also posting to websites..
- b. Partnerships with Santee Lynches council of government, Women's Missionary Society's, NAACP, churches, and church leadership.
- c. Looking to get interns through Pee Dee AHEC program as possibility to encourage youth and young adult populations
- d. Looking at other options/avenues- have 2 Health Educators onboard constantly going to community leadership meetings and going out into the community to inform individuals of what is going on and what is happening.
- e. Any opportunities to do workshops/trainings are participating in those. Sometimes its clarifying information is there is confusion, trying to do as much education as possible.
- f. Sharing- DHEC will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Thursday night 7-8pm, titled "A Shot of Hope", will be giving facts about vaccine through Public Health Experts and Community Leaders. Will be broadcast on all ETV stations in SC and will be streaming live on their websites/Instagram/YouTube channels
 - i. Jim- Will occur over the next few weeks. Will have 2 individuals from Pee Dee area participating (Gayle Resetar- Tidelands/Lesli McGee-McLeod). Will have Dana send info in an email to everyone if you would like to participate/listen in. You can also submit questions.

b. **DHEC Vaccinations (Kelly Eaddy)**

- a. Seen huge decrease, starting to streamline and downsize clinic footprint by targeting smaller events to go in smaller rural areas more easily.
- b. On target to have teams at each Health Dept, 15 sites, will have 5 teams to rotate through the Health Depts. Smaller counties will have opportunity for vaccines 1day/wk. and 2 days a week at larger sites (Sumter, Myrtle Beach, Florence)
- c. Reaching out to industries, if they have atleast 10 people will hold a clinic to reach that population.
- d. Exploring any community events at community centers, churches, etc. to assist with vaccination in those areas.
- e. Did have a successful clinic at a catholic church- attending the Hispanic Mass at St. James the younger in Myrtle Beach on Saturday, did 75 vaccinations.
- f. Exploring going to J Reuben Long Detention Center possibly for next week

c. **CareSouth (Anne Lewis)**

- a. Open to all ideas, working on anything we can. Sticking with "there is not a box" as the DHEC director said.
- b. This coming Saturday an event is happening that will have a "block party" model at Sword of Truth in Bennettsville, will spread out. Excited to see how it works out. Music, bouncy houses, giveaways, hope to have some good news to relay back.
- c. Vaccination event numbers have declined as well. Only had 187 1st doses for the entire week, 593- 2nd doses, very discouraging.

- d. Good news - have been some good results in our "Sleeves up" Campaign roughly 71% -74% of those vaccines were to non-white. May be having a little bit of success since focusing a lot of that outreach in communities of color.
- e. Had a big event targeted to Hispanic populations with the cooperation of an area farm owner, don't have data but heard very successful.
- f. Question:
 - i. There are a lot of questions coming from small office providers re: what is an acceptable amount of waste?
 - 1. Jim- Feds just put info out on wastage, basically not to worry about wastage, if you have someone wanting a vaccine and you have to open a vial, administer the vaccine. There are some thoughts that other providers are doing like setting up a schedule, creating a recall list to have them come back a day or so later, a lot of ideas out there. Last documentation received on Monday - they are not worried about wastage at this point, there is enough vaccine, use what you can use, and the rest becomes wastage. Jim will have Dana send to the group the information re: wastage.

d. **Tidelands Health (Bruce Bailey):**

- a. We have been a sponsor/partner with the Country Music Fest in Myrtle Beach in years past and are currently pushing out vaccination PSA's with the performers coming up in June and trying to figure out a way to offer vaccines at that event.
 - i. Will mention to Gayle to bring up on Coalition call on Thursday as well.

e. **Additional Outreach Efforts out of Columbia (Ruthie Odom):**

- a. Soon, will have 2 contracts with 2 different companies to offer home vaccinations, 1 will be covering Greenville area the other will cover the other 45 counties in the state.
- b. Dr. Simmer is considering doing something like what CareSouth is doing with the Moby's - more to come on that.
- c. Potentially going into the schools to vaccinate children, talking to Costco, Walgreens, FQHC's and other entities to see if that's a feasible idea, will be sending surveys to schools to gauge interest to see if we need to pursue.

3. **Panel Recommendations for Submittal to DHEC:**

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4. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25th @ 1:00**

5. **Adjourn**

Reminder: Regional data is available on the DHEC website at scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccination-dashboard. It includes heat maps; county and zip code level data; and other relevant factors. Requests for additional data can be made through the DHEC Panel Representative.

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