

**SC DHEC Pee Dee COVID-19 –
Regional Community Assessment Review and Equity (CARE) Panel
Virtual Meeting: June 8th, 2021
1:00 – 2:00 PM
AGENDA**

Present:

Bruce Bailey, Alliance for Healthier SC, President and CEO, Tidelands Health
Tom Crawford, MUSC, Interim CEO of Florence Division
Sandra Gilliard, St. James Health & Wellness, CEO
Kelly Eaddy, SCDHEC- Pee Dee Region, Covid Operations Deputy
Greg King, SCDHEC-Pee Dee Region, IT
Ann Lewis, CEO, CareSouth Carolina
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
Dr. Nancy Ofendo Reyes, Nursing Professor, SC Commission for Minority Affairs
Dana Rogers, SCDHEC-Pee Dee Region, Secretary
Heather Shelton, MD, SC Medical Association
Brian Sponseller, MD, CMO, Carolina Pines RMC,
Emily Way, SCDHEC- Pee Dee Region, Covid Vaccination Lead
John Williams, SCHA Representative

Absent:

Jim Bruckner, SCDHEC-Pee Dee Region Health Director
Katie Dorrell, Williamsburg Rural Health Clinic, Practice Manager
Tim DuBose, Lee County EMS, Director
Chris Hardy, Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, President and CEO
Amanda Heirs, SCHA Representative
Rebecca Leach, SC Retail Association, Executive Director
Lesli McGee, McLeod Health, Senior VP Care Coord. and Home Care Services
Monty Robertson, SCHA Representative
Madie Robinson, SC Chapter of the NAACP
Sheila Welch, Director, Vantage Point, SC Department of Aging

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Dana Rogers - Roll Call
- b. Dr. Brian Sponseller, Volunteer Panel Chairperson

2. Region Update:

- a. Ann Lewis (CareSouth):
 - a. Demand is way down, last week only did a little over 400 in the service area.
 - b. Good news - Pushing 80% of vaccinations to non-white patients. Indication our Sleeves Up campaign - designed to focus on underserved & minorities may have had some results.
 - c. Testing was down. Only did 90 tests (rapid test). Going to do more promotion of testing with banners & posters. Out of 90 only had 2 positives.

- d. Just got off the Grand Rounds meeting, have had 2 break-thru cases in the monoclonal antibody treatment. Both from the same Pfizer lot. MUSC are looking into this for any trends.
- b. Sandra Gilliard:
 - a. Things are slow across the Georgetown sites.
 - b. Approx. 80% of those interested in being vaccinated have already been vaccinated.
 - c. Testing is down, only completed around 80 test last week with no positives.
 - d. Identifying some smaller settings, and doing some more advertising, putting outreach workers back on the ground to reach the age group that thinks the vaccine is not for them. Most adults / elderly have been vaccinated, concentrating on the younger population.
- c. Dana Rogers shared on Shelia Welch's behalf:
 - a. They are providing Covid vaccination signup assistance and location information at the SC Farmers Market Voucher Distribution sites in our region; however, they have been postponed for this week.
- d. Ruthie:
 - a. Question re: previous panel discussions:
 - i. Not heard anything specifically.
 - ii. Did get some announcements out of the ACC/Columbia that have already been sent out to the group last week.
 - iii. New News- The governor did not sign the EO to continue the State of Emergency for SC, may have some impact directly or indirectly, but are in a good place in our state to work with that.
 - iv. Today's positivity rate is at 1.9%. Very encouraging. We feel at DHEC by Friday/Saturday we will know what kind of impact Memorial Day had on us, cases are still low, but 10-14 day post Memorial Day holiday will tell us if we have a detrimental impact with Covid cases in the state.
 - v. More and more places you go we are seeing less amount of mask usage but still see some staff wearing masks, feel it has to do with the fact if they are vaccinated or not.
 - b. DHEC update:
 - i. Continue to identify places that will attract more people or inform more people about how important it is to have the vaccine.
 - ii. Will be going to some breweries this weekend to target the younger age group.
 - iii. Also partnering with the school districts not necessarily for the students but for the overall community population where the community has a need where not a high % is vaccinated.
 - iv. Going into the Housing Authority's to partner for clinics.
 - v. Also going in ahead of the clinics where we attempt to send in educators to inform prior to the vaccine clinic to hopefully have good information out there to help raise #'s to get the vaccine.
 - vi. Nothing to give on questions sent up if they have been addressed. Still have the same goal as far as the Panel goes - trying to get as many vaccinated as possible.

3. Panel Discussion:

- a. NTR

4. Future Recommendations for Submittal to DHEC:

- a. NTR

5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 13th @ 1:00

6. 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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