

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONSUMER RELATIONS COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING
January 15, 2021**



ATTENDEES: Angela Blake, A. Mickey Pickett, Dorsheena Hagler, James Barnes, Mark Council, Linda Wise, Athena Haniotis, Keenan Gainous. Staff: Eddie Martin, Jr., Malcolm Williams, Lisa Hoffman, Lauren Talley, Lawanda Williams, Margaret Flanagan, Adrienne Trustman

- I. INTRODUCTION AND READ GROUP AGREEMENTS:** Eddie Martin, Jr.
- II. REMEMBERING ARMSTEAD HETHERINGTON:** The Committee shared their reflections and memories of Armstead Hetherington, a consumer relations committee member who passed away this year. The committee collectively remembered him and shared what he meant to the committee, the agency and the community in many meaningful ways. Armstead was greatly admired for his positive energy, his contribution to the committee and his community; and his big smile. Will be greatly missed!
- III. COVID-19 VACCINE AND UPDATES:** Adrienne Trustman discussed with the committee the latest updates regarding COVID-19 and the vaccine.

COVID Cases in the US are not getting better:

- As of January 13, there were 230,476 new COVID cases in the US including 2,948 cases in Maryland
- As of January 13, there were 3,922 new deaths from COVID in the US, including 44 deaths in Maryland
- The total deaths in the US from COVID is now 384,804 – that means it will likely pass 400,000 deaths in the next week

Vaccine Trial Process:

The Vaccine trials process starts with:

- Pre-clinical testing on animals
- Phase One safety trials: small number of people (dozen)
- Phase Two expanded trials: hundreds of people split into groups, such as children and the elderly to see if the vaccination acts differently in them. , and then they move onto clinical trials where they started testing on hundreds of people.

These steps test the vaccine's safety and ability to stimulate the immune system.

- Phase Three efficacy trials: tens of thousands of people
 - Determine if vaccine protects against COVID and reveal any rare side effects
 - Vaccine must protect at least 50% of people to be considered effective
- Approved: regulators review results and decide whether to approve
 - A vaccine may receive emergency use authorization
 - Researchers continue to monitor people for safety and effectiveness

3 out of 8 Vaccines in Phase 3 received federal funding

- Moderna/NIH - \$1B
- BIONTECH/Pfizer/Fosunpharma - \$1.9B
- Astrazenica/Oxford - \$1.2B

Moderna is the vaccine that is being offered at HCH.

Moderna Vaccine Basics

1. Type of Vaccine: mRNA
2. Number of shots: 2 shots, 28 days apart
3. Does NOT contain: eggs, preservatives, latex, live viruses
4. 94.1% effective against preventing COVID disease
5. Common side effects:
 - In your arm where you got the shot: pain, swelling, redness
 - Throughout your body: chills, tiredness, headache

Moderna Efficacy Data

1. 30,000 participants in phase 3 trial age 18-95; divided into placebo and vaccine groups
2. Analysis based on first 196 cases of COVID detected during the study which occurred after 2 months
 - 185 cases in placebo group
 - 11 cases in vaccine group
 - 94.1% effective in preventing symptomatic, laboratory confirmed COVID-19

Note: This is not measuring whether a person got the virus at all – it's whether they got the disease that the virus causes. This is not telling you how many people had COVID with no symptoms. If someone is vaccinated, they are very likely to not get sick, but not sure if they could still spread it to someone who is not vaccinated. So, although you may be vaccinated, you still need to wear a mask.

3. 30 severe cases observed, all in placebo group
4. Vaccine efficacy measured starting 2 weeks after second dose

Vaccination at Health Care for the Homeless

HCH received the first allocation of 100 vaccines from the Baltimore City Health Department, with the instructions to give them to staff. Fifty staff got vaccinated yesterday and 50 more will get vaccines next week. Staff can also receive the vaccination from Mercy Medical and the Baltimore City Health Department.

The Governor is moving processes along very quickly. In the next couple of week, the next stage will be to make the vaccines available for people who are 75 years and older, and people who are living in congregated settings. The Health Department has expanded that to people who are experiencing homelessness. The vaccine is not mandatory for anyone.

For More Information on the Vaccines:

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm695152e1.htm?s_cid=mm695152e1w
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/reactogenicity.html>
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Moderna.html>

IV. PROPOSED AGENDA AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING (FRIDAY, January 29, 2021)

- Food Insecurity - Lauren Talley, Engagement and Policy Assistant
- Chocolate Affair 2021 – Kevin Feldt, Director of Development