

**Lowcountry COVID-19 Community Assessment Review and Equity (CARE) Panel  
May 13, 2021**

The Lowcountry COVID-19 Regional Community Assessment Review and Equity (CARE) Panel met on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 1:00pm.

In attendance:

1. Chief Michelle Mitchum (Pine Hill Indian Community Development Initiative, Chairperson)
2. Taylor Lee (DHEC, Facilitator)
3. Carmen Grice (DHEC, Secretary)
4. Debbie Slazyk (AccessHealth Lowcountry)
5. Danielle Scheurer (MUSC)
6. Elaine Morgan (Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce)
7. Tara Tsehlana (Roper St. Francis Healthcare)
8. Raymond Barteet (DHEC)
9. Dr. Natasha Davis (NAACP)
10. Dr. Faith Polkey (Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc.)

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting began at 1:04pm</li> </ul>
Review Lowcountry CARE Panel Community Contact List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tara Tsehlana is working on the Community Contact List.</li> <li>• Tara shared her screen and presented the Community Partner Contact List.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The spreadsheet is used to compile a list of organizations who are interested in a vaccine site. The organizations will confirm their interest to host a vaccine site, Tara sends them an DHEC Interest Form, and they forward the form to DHEC when completed. When the process is complete, the organization process will begin. Please be on the lookout for sites and try reaching out to organizations. If you find a site who is interested, send them the DHEC Interest Form to begin the process.</li> <li>○ Palmetto Palace has a mobile unit, so feel free to reach out to them to start the process to have the mobile unit go to a specific site.</li> <li>○ Per Taylor Lee, is it possible to have locations identify how many vaccines they anticipate will be administered at the event. Tara added this column to the spreadsheet during the meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Per Danielle Scheurer, if someone is interested in the pop up mobile unit, Tara can let Danielle know.</li> <li>• Per Taylor, the Palmetto Palace is a medical mobile van that can typically serve smaller groups, and it can go into rural underserved communities as well.</li> <li>• Per Chief Mitchum, does DHEC have the Medicare data yet? Per Taylor, the data team looked into this, but there was uncertainty</li> </ul>

	<p>and concern about gathering Medicare and Medicaid information. Per Chief Mitchum, since it is hard to gather data this way, could we gather the data based on voting precinct area? If we have this information, we may be able to fill the gaps with the mobile unit. It was agreed that this may be the easiest way to go.</p>
<p>Targeted Vaccine Campaign and Panel Outreach Collaboration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per Chief Mitchum, is the PSA development completed? Per Taylor, yes, this is completed. There are television broadcasts, radio advertisements, printed items, and social media outreach. Per Chief Mitchum, does DHEC have the ability to provide copies to everyone to get the paper format out to others? For example, we will start doing outdoor events soon, so we can hand out documents to push information out. Taylor will look into this to determine the best way to do this. If anyone on the panel has a desire to receive this information, please email Taylor Lee, and he will work with the communications team at DHEC to accommodate these requests.</li> <li>• Per Tara Tselana, if anyone needs a Spanish version of the PSA, there is a video that Tara is happy to share with everyone.</li> <li>• Elaine Morgan wanted to know if there is a challenge with making the information on the spreadsheet accessible to the public. She would like to send it out to the ministers. Per Tara Tsehlana, we can add the churches to a column on the spreadsheet, but we can also send them a DHEC Interest Form. Per Taylor, it does work best to have the organization that is interested in a vaccination or testing event reach out to DHEC directly by submitting the DHEC Interest Form. Per Taylor Lee, Dr. Faith Polkey requested a revised zip code data. Taylor contacted the data team, and there is a new Equality Dashboard that DHEC will roll out next week. The zip code data will be found on this dashboard. Per Chief Mitchum, will the dashboard break down to identify the number of Native Americans that have stated that they are vaccinated? Taylor will look into this and follow up via email to the panel. Per Chief Mitchum, she would like to see that all minorities are broken up into separate groups.</li> </ul>
<p>Scheduling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per Chief Mitchum, can we add the date of the vaccination events to the spreadsheet, or do we need to just rely on the vaccination locator map? Per Tara Tsehlana, we can, but it will be our responsibility to keep up with the dates. Per Elaine Morgan, she uses DHEC to keep up with the dates and locations of vaccine clinics. Per Taylor Lee, it is beneficial to coordinate through the agency. We know about most of the events going on throughout the state, so we can make sure the events are spaced out appropriately. Keep in mind, if we use Pfizer or Moderna, we have to go back to provide the second vaccine at the same location. Per Taylor Lee, we can try to have translators and someone to provide sign language if needed at events.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per Chief Mitchum, do we need to do something to motivate people to get the vaccine? Per Elaine Morgan, it helps to get people who are trusted in communities to testify that they received their vaccine. Per Chief Mitchum, should we work this DHEC and include this in the PSA? Per Taylor Lee, please include this in the recommendation form. Per Dr. Faith Polkey, in the Hilton Head area, business leaders produced videos that included trusted people in the communities. The event that worked so well in Hilton Head, was the event at Palmetto Dunes (a resort in Hilton Head) on a Tuesday. They saw workers that were not there on the weekend, and ended up providing about 100 vaccines. We may just have to go where the people are. Some of the rural areas will be a little harder. Per Taylor Lee, we will reach the herd immunity by the dozens, and working with business is the best way to reach people.</li> <li>• Per Chief Mitchum, would it be feasible to create a “COVID No More” march in each town or a vigil to honor those who have died from COVID? Per Dr. Natasha Davis, this is a good idea, but she thinks we need to have the vaccine readily available during the event. This is where we will drive up the numbers for the herd immunity. Dr. Natasha Davis agreed to assisting with this effort, and stated we need to do this through collaboration. Per Tara Tsehlana, there is a “I Got It” Campaign already going on in Charleston, so we could collaborate with them.</li> <li>• Chief Mitchum and Dr. Natasha Davis will discuss this further.</li> </ul>
Schedule Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm</li> </ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.</li> </ul>