



South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (CHNA 23)
Wednesday, October 13, 2021
8:55 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
Zoom Meeting
Minutes

In attendance: Kathleen Wright, Drug Story Theater; Hannah Panteleos, Plymouth County Outreach; Kate Smith, DDS New Bedford; Joanne Moore, Duxbury Senior Center; Rhiannon Thai, Nurse Case Manager, Plymouth Public Schools; Jenn Kiely, South Shore Early Education Plymouth; Colleen Kennedy-Mello, Southeast Tobacco-Free Community Partnership; Abigail Foley, Gosnold; Erin Morley, CCN; Vicky Butler, Steering Committee Member and Program Director for Plymouth County Outreach; Cristina Wilson, Old Colony YMCA Plymouth; Kati Mapa, United Way of Greater Plymouth County; Trudy Avery, Cook Family Charitable Fund; Charlette Tarsi, Plymouth County HUB; Sean Halpin, Plymouth Public Schools; Mikayla Bates, High Point Treatment Center, Plymouth Area Prevention Collaborative; Susan West, BID Plymouth; Collette Puleo, Health Imperatives; Jen Cantwell, Community Programs Coordinator, Plymouth County District Attorney's Office; Linda Gabruk, Bridgewater State University's School of Social Work; Stephanie Higgins, Director of Social Impact Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield; Kaitlin Ketcham, Plymouth County Family Support; Sherri Schoorens, RN, Fall River DDS office; New Again; Jenn Kiely, South Shore Early Education; Michael Jackman, Congressman Keating's Office; Kim Scotland, United Way of Greater Plymouth County; Sean Haplin, Plymouth Public Schools; Kathleen Considine, NAMI; Siobhan McKay, Plymouth DDS; and Maureen Doherty, BID Plymouth

Mike kicked off meeting at 8:54am. All encouraged to introduce themselves in the chat.

All voted to approve the September general meeting minutes.

Mini Grants Outcome Report: Duxbury Council on Aging Peapod Program

Joanne Moore, Director, Duxbury COA presented a grants outcome report for the Peapod program funded by SSCPP.

- The Peapod program was designed to reduce social isolation during COVID through small group interactions. The program has been running for the last 54 weeks. Have 18 people participating who come to the COA once a week for four hours/day. They participate in a wide range of activities.

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- Purpose of the program is to provide individuals who self-identified as lonely a place to come that is fun and helpful. Includes social recreation, nutrition, and wellness. Serve folks in the program from age 60 to 90.
- Outcomes: Strong friendships were formed. Folks in program got together outside of program. Participants stayed healthy and safe. There was low participant turnover. Many joined additional programs at the senior center in addition to the Peapod program.
- Offered opportunities for close connection and deep reflection with older adults which they rarely get.
- Program brought in new people who were not active before and advertised in the newsletter to share about the program.
- Duxbury COA is fully open. Are offering programs in person, remote and hybrid. Have found that some folks love the remote so plan to continue this as an option moving forward. Planning to also host on-demand (pre-recorded) programming as well for folks to watch when it works for them.
- Are looking for a new Community Service Manager and asked folks to spread the word.

Major Topic: COVID Vaccines, Boosters, and Treatments

Presented by: Siobhan McKay, RN

Area Office Nurse - Plymouth Department of Developmental Services

- Siobhan shared the latest information and data as of 10/21/21.
- Began by sharing the types of vaccines: virus, protein/subunit, and nucleic acid (includes viral-vector vaccines)
- Pfizer and Moderna are nucleic, J&J is viral vector.
- The vaccines are new but very safe and have been studied for decades.
- Shared information on Messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines and how they work: tell the cells in your body to make a coronavirus shaped spike protein, our immune system reacts to the protein and builds immunity to the disease. No infectious particles, and you cannot get COVID from vaccine. Does not get into your DNA.
- Also shared information on how a vector vaccine works.
- FDA Emergency use authorization is a mechanism to facilitate the availability and use of medical countermeasures including vaccines, during health emergencies such as COVID. Does not take shortcuts.
- Original Pfizer study had 43,448 participants and was found to be 95% effective in preventing COVID-19. Pfizer is now being marketed as "Comirnaty". Have been approved for booster shot (more info below).
- Moderna also submitted application to FDA for booster shot recently. They are meeting on 10/14 to see if booster can be approved for 18+. Will likely follow Pfizer with criteria for special populations. Original Moderna study was for 30,420 people. Both vaccines have now been given to millions of people.

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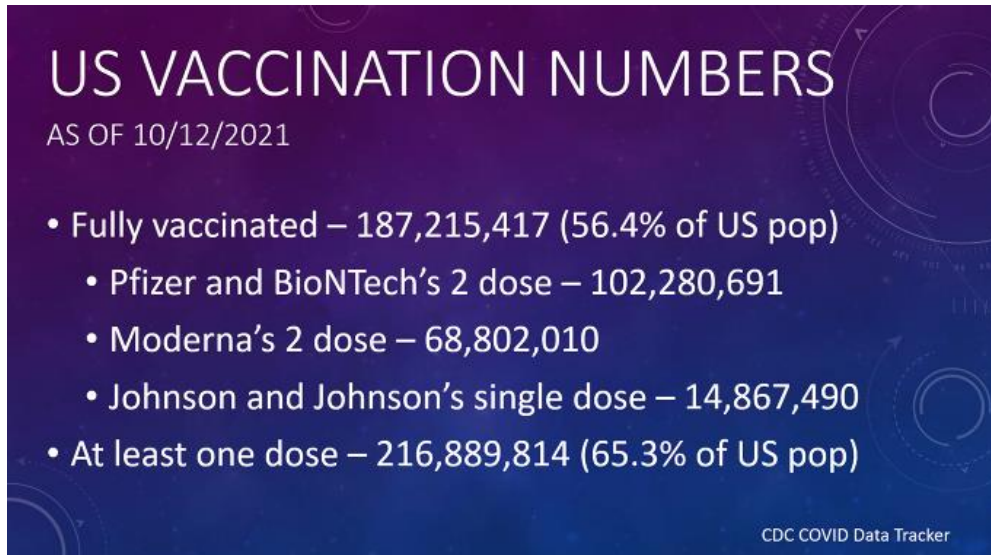
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- J&J submitted booster shot application on 10/5. J&J always planned a booster and six month seems to be ideal for the most antibodies. Are discussing on Friday 10/15 for booster. J&J original study had 44,325 participants.
- Boosters are generally most effective if given 6 months after the original vaccine.
- All vaccines we have are effective at preventing severe symptoms and hospitalizations for COVID-19. The vaccines will continue to be studied for lifetimes.
- Shared data on Vaccination Rates in the United States:



- In Massachusetts, 68.5% of the population is fully vaccinated.
- Shared information on boosters. The Pfizer booster was authorized on 9/22 for specific populations. The CDC website has a list of folks that may be of a higher risk, and it is quite expansive.
- Pediatric COVID Vaccine: on 10/7 Pfizer and BioNTech filed an app with the FDA seeking an extension of EUA for kids 5-11. For this population, Pfizer tested a lower dose as kids do not need as high of a dose. Have a meeting on 10/26 to inform the agency’s decision making.
- Vaccines remain the best way to get out of pandemic. Are seeing a high number of breakthrough cases because we have a high number of people are vaccinated. The overall percentage of breakthrough cases is quite low.
- A lot of treatments are currently being worked on for COVID.
- One treatment is approved: Remdesivir (IV medication). It is only for use in hospitals for patients who require supplemental oxygen. Only approved for severe disease and people who are hospitalized.
- Are looking for a way to treat people at home to prevent them from going to hospital.
- There are three clinical trials being conducted for oral anti-viral meds at Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics. They have shown a lot of progress and promise.

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- Discussed the flu vaccine and interaction with COVID vaccines. All of the available flu vaccines this year are quadrivalent- providing protection against 4 different flu viruses. A person may get flu shot at the same time as the COVID-19 vaccine including a booster shot. Want to wait at least 90 days before getting vaccine or booster if you received antibodies.
- Vaccines are still effective against delta and other mutations.
- Opened for Q &A. Will post video and PowerPoint on SSCPP website.

Opened floor for events and announcements from membership.

- Mike shared SSCPP is grateful for the turnout at the September Health Fair at the Plymouth Library. Saw about 100 in attendance and had 20+ booths.
- Working to be more active on social media- please like and follow the SSCPP Facebook page: www.facebook.com/chna23. Are also looking for short videos to share on social media. Please connect with us at chna23@gmail.com if you have videos on your organization to share.

Next Meeting: November 10th

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