



**MINUTES
GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

In accordance with the current State of Emergency and the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20, of March 12, 2020, and N-33-20 of March 19, 2020, teleconferencing was used for this meeting. Board members, staff and members of the public were able to participate by webinar and members of the public were also able to participate by telephone.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Kate Schwartz called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

In attendance: Committee Members Kate Schwartz-Frates and Stephanie Ortiz, CEO Rachel Mason, and staff members Linda Bannerman, Theresa Geracitano.

Sayone Thihalolipavan, MD, MPH, Medical Consultant, Public Health Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency, Elena Quintana, Community Health Promotion Specialist with S. D. County, Dani Vargas, Public Outreach and Communications Coordinator and Leticia Maldonado Stamos.

2. Public Comments

None

3. Presentation

a. COVID-19 vaccination data and misinformation by Sayone Thihalolipavan, MD, MPH, Medical Consultant, Public Health Services, County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency
Dr. Sayone provided a thorough presentation and Q & A on current data re. COVID infections with the variant(s), vaccine efficacy, vaccine concerns and hesitancy resulting in distribution of misinformation and disinformation, primarily through social media channels. Dr. Sayone answered questions re. the recently available booster shots, as well as the Monoclonal Antibody treatment available within San Diego County. He noted this pandemic has caused more than 650,000 national deaths (more than the 1918 pandemic). Discussion ensued. People were recommended to contact their physicians to discuss booster shots. Dr. Sayone said people with COPD should be vaccinated. He emphasized that if a person has had COVID-19 and then gets vaccinated, it is likely they will have more immunity. It varies from person to person. The entire presentation can be viewed at the FRHD website – www.fallbrookhealth.org.

Elena Quintanar discussed upcoming programs that will reach out to specific populations to educate and answer questions regarding COVID-19 and the vaccines available. Further discussion ensued.

4. Information Only

- a. Government
- b. Public Engagement

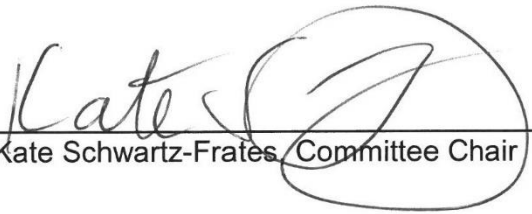
The above information only was included in the packet for perusal.


5. Board Comments and Future Agenda Items

None

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.


Kate Schwartz-Frutes, Committee Chair


Board Secretary/Clerk