



RESILIENT LOUISIANA COMMISSION

CO-CHAIR DON PIERSON

CO-CHAIR TERRIE STERLING

Resilient Louisiana Commission Meeting

May 15, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call - Members Present:

- Don Pierson
- Terrie Sterling
- Kim Robinson
- Jade Brown-Russel
- Walt Leger
- Ti Martin
- Michael La'Fitte
- Sonia Perez
- Tyron Picard
- Tim Temple
- Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser
- Scott Hensgens
- Dr. Jim Richardson

- Quorum Established
- Approval of Minutes and Opening Remarks
 - Andrew Doss
 - Defers approval of minutes from previous meeting to the next meeting and invites Secretary Pierson and Terrie Sterling to give opening remarks.
- Terrie Sterling
 - Today's meeting is to discuss what the final report will look like. It will also be valuable to hear the Commission's thoughts on Phase 1. Thank you to everyone.
- Secretary Don Pierson
 - The public's participation is critical to our success. Yesterday, the commission adopted the final recommendations which we'll post shortly and send to the group. Our work now pivots to Charge 2 – long-term resilience. We're in the process of developing guidelines for the establishment of our long-term report, and we would like to have that to you a week from today. We would like to establish a working group to review the template and provide feedback. The end report is due June 30, so we will need Task Force reports by June 12.
- Terrie Sterling
 - The Health Equity Task Force leaders will brief the commission on their areas of focus and work during next Friday's meeting. Our hope is that task forces will cross pollinate and discuss how to appropriately address equity. Secretary Phillips has asked us to do a "lessons learned" related to COVID-19, so we're asking the Task Forces to have those conversations as well. We also need to understand how we prepare for future pandemics.
- Sonia Perez
 - Can we have the timeline in writing so that we can ensure all deadlines are met?
- Dr. Richardson
 - We have a lot of work to do but we can get it done. Many factors influence the long-term, but we have to get through the short-term first.
- Tyron Picard
 - Thank you for sending the final report from the "Richardson Commission." I would find it helpful for Dr. Richardson to give us a walk-through of his presentation.
 - Don Pierson We'd be happy to set that up.
 - Terrie Sterling We might also offer it to our Task Force leaders.
 - Don Pierson We'll set it up as a public meeting and include everyone. Provides recap of timeline.

- Terrie Sterling
 - To the Task Force leaders: Are there other themes bubbling up in your Task Forces, like the digital dive, that cut across all sectors?
- Dr. Richardson
 - Broadband or 5G, population growth, especially in northern Louisiana, and industry diversification.
- Jade Brown-Russell
 - Health and economic equity needs to be looked at. I'll send a one-pager of my initial thoughts.
- Terrie
 - We will certainly consider it. Do you want to add highlights?
- Jade Brown-Russell
 - There's a digital divide, but also racial disparities across the board. Healthcare itself accounts for a smaller proportion of health outcomes than we may hear. The social determinants or living conditions more so drive health outcomes. If we have a conversation about resilience, we have to include equity. They go together. My recommendation is to apply equity in all of our decisions. We need to effectively communicate to ensure there is participation in that conversation.
- Ti Martin
 - Post-Katrina we made considerable progress with regard to innovation and entrepreneurship. We're in a similar atmosphere, so a similar effort would benefit us now, as well.
- Jim Richardson
 - Ti, we have to put that in our plan and we cannot forget about it.
- Secretary Pierson Invites Public Comment
- Terry Hid, representing the Howling Chuaua Tattoo Shop in Alexandria
 - We're just as clean as doctor's offices but we're not allowed to work, while others are. We want to know when we can get back to work.
- Michael La'Fitte
 - We are aware of the tattoo shops and it's something on the forefront of what we're doing; we just have to make sure it's done as safely as possible.
- Dorian Nunez, Omni Research, New Orleans
 - We cannot ignore equity. Our state is 33% African American, and Opportunity Zones are around 50% African American. Opportunity Zones are important for economic development.
- Tim Alexander, Economist, Los Angeles
 - Mortality rates – the states that received the highest stimulus per capita had the lowest infection and mortality rates. I conclude that the \$1.8 billion Louisiana is receiving is not enough.

- There are great ideas, but many of them will ultimately need funding. Don't underestimate the ability of bankers to move things forward.
- Tim Temple
 - I have forwarded the Tim's information to the Banking Task Force for review.
- Secretary Pierson: Calls for a motion to adjourn.
 - Motion by: Ti Martin
 - Seconded by: Tyron Picard

Acknowledgement and adjournment at 10:50 a.m.