
COMMITTEE UPDATES
JUNE 2022

Childcare, Early Care and Education, and Youth Development

The Committee met on May 11 where they had the opportunity to refine their feedback and questions for the community engagement efforts being led by the Community Engagement Committee. Below is a summary of the feedback given:

- A short survey will help us get a better response rate.
- For open-response, we've learned that not requiring completion of those questions is best
- For the analysis component, it's helpful to have multiple choice items. Limiting open-ended and having a clear qualitative data analysis to lifting up themes.
- Existing/past surveys that we could leverage?
 - County Office of Education. Last summer. Surveyed school districts related to how children and families were fairing during the transition back to in-person instruction. Survey of the school districts rather than direct surveying of parents.
 - Stanford's California Pulse. Data from US Census on Household Pulse survey. Discusses food insecurity, and breakdowns by households, children, etc. <https://stanford-datalab.github.io/covid-19-ca/>
 - San Jose Jazz works with Project Hope. Grassroots model of working with community on building neighborhood associations.
- What types of input would the committee be interested in gathering?
 - Mental health services. Do families feel they are getting the right supports?
 - Description of quality of life in San Jose: access to libraries, parks, grocery stores, internet, childcare, safety, transportation, trash removal, recycling, etc.
 - During the pandemic, did you have to resign from your job in order to provide care for your child? Some parents in SCC reported leaving their work to stay home to care for children, because of affordability. Other reported putting their children in childcare that wasn't of good quality and of substandard care.
- Parents may have not taken their child to school or childcare, because of COVID-19 fears.
- Emphasize the point of access to childcare now.
- Ask organizations if they are having any challenges or their employees are experiencing with regards to childcare. +1.
- The committee continues to review the Committee template and Recovery Needs and Best Practices Matrix, a preliminary synthesis/summary of the recommendations committee members have provided so far, and a summary of the City's relevant recovery efforts

Community Engagement Committee

- The committee met on June 2 and reviewed the final drafts of the Community Survey and Engagement Toolkit and will recommend they be approved at the June 9 Task Force meeting.
- As part of the Community Engagement Plan and tactics, the committee discussed the Task Force hosting a large community event in partnership with Community Health Partnerships in late July. At the June 2 meeting, the committee provided input on the below proposal, and decided a more dedicated conversation would be needed again in June. A summary of the event proposed:
 - Purpose: To highlight community resiliency and recovery efforts
 - Outcome:
 - To provide space to hear community members impacted by the pandemic
 - To build awareness and connect the community with services
 - To inform the community about the City and Task Force members engagement efforts.
 - Location: TBD; space for community and organizations
 - Topics/Issues: Community Health & Well Being, Housing, Childcare, Service & Hospitality Workers, Worker's safety, small business, arts & culture.
 - Who: Community members/Lived Experience Group, representatives from organizations, and elected officials
 - Format: Panel + recovery resource fair
- The committee will continue to compile community events where the Task Force can have a presence at.

Community Health and Wellness

- The Committee met twice since the last update, on May 12 after the Task Force meeting and on Wednesday, June 1.
- Committee members continued the process to collaboratively work on drafting their committee template, which includes identifying strategies, actions, and metrics.
- The committee discussed opportunities for committee members to help with hosting engagement events for the Recovery Task Force to gather input on residents' pandemic experiences. Opportunities that were discussed:
 - LISTOS program - provides communities with disaster preparedness information in multiple languages. Invite their network to focus groups
 - AACI is hosting an event in August at Capitol Goss
 - Mexican Consulate
 - City of San Jose Senior Commission
 - Sourcewise
 - Greenbelt Alliance
 - District 5: Magdalena Carrasco

Housing Committee

Committee members met on May 18 and continued to work collaboratively on drafting their committee template to be used to gather strategies, actions, and metrics to address existing needs for residents related to housing. Committee has requested to learn for staff from Housing Department to attend the next committee for them to share lessons learned from funding CBO's with the rental assistance. The committee also provided the upcoming events that may be of interest to other fellow committee members to host pop-ups to gather input on residents' pandemic experiences.

Just Recovery for Airport, Hotel & Arts Workers

Committee members met on June 1 and Committee members continued to review and gave input on the preliminary draft to be used to gather strategies, actions, and metrics. Committee members also covered future community engagement events for the Recovery Task Force and reviewed the questions from the draft Community Engagement Toolkit. Upcoming events from the Committee:

- The School of Arts and Culture will host a Mariachi festival in mid-July.
- Job Fair on June 23rd hosted by Work2Furutre
- San Jose summer festival during the weekend of August 12-15 hosted by SJ Jazz

Supporting Small Business

- The Committee met twice since the last update, on May 12 after the Task Force meeting and on Monday, June 6, 6pm.
- Committee members continue to collaboratively work on drafting their committee template, which includes identifying strategies, actions, and metrics. OED staff was present at the June 6 meeting and provided some feedback on feasibility of implementation and what resources would be needed.
- The Committee discussed events this summer that could be opportunities for the Task Force to host pop-ups to gather input on residents and small business owners' pandemic experiences. Events included:
 - Small Business Association workshop in July
 - Si Se Puede Collective/Veggielution hosting workshop for entrepreneurs in July
 - Meetings with Flea Market vendors? Check in with OEDCA
 - San Jose Chamber BBQ August 25
 - San Jose Museum of Art – City Dance events June - August

Worker Health, Safety, & Rights

Committee members met on June 6 and continued to review and gave input on the preliminary draft to be used to gather strategies, actions, and metrics. Specifically, they are focusing on three top-level strategies: Outreach and education on workplace rights, strengthening workers' rights & safety enforcement tools at the City of San Jose, and paid sick leave. Committee members also discussed incorporating community engagement into existing work, developing the survey, and planning to distribute it to community members. For any other members who would like to join the next meeting, it is scheduled for Monday, July 11 at 10:00 am.

