

# FORT BEND RECOVERS

COVID-19 Weekly Meeting 04/13/20

## Participants

1. Shauna Harris – United Way
2. Delena Pinkney – United Way
3. Krystell Castillo – United Way
4. Caroline Egan – FB HS&EM
5. Brandon Baca – Attack Poverty
6. Vince Mannino – TX A&M Agri Life Extension Service
7. Pennie DeGroot – St Laurence Catholic Church
8. Halley Goldstein – United Way
9. Elise Kaufman – Attack Poverty
10. Melinda Garcia – United Way
11. Mike Martin – Habitat for Humanity
12. Julie Gaston – The Henderson Wessendorff Foundation
13. Roy Hayley – Attack Poverty
14. Jennifer Cooper – Attack Poverty
15. Chelsea Lucas – Katy Responds
16. Naeem Raja – ICNA Relief
17. Jerry Giegerich – Knights of Columbus
18. Lori Marcus – Texana Center
19. Michael Youngblood – City of Richmond
20. Ap Vo – The Alliance
21. Alisha Williams – ICNA Relief
22. Anthony Pryor – City of Richmond
23. Kelli King Jackson – The Simmons Foundation
24. Joe Higgs - TMO
25. Sue Levin – HGI Counseling
26. Penny Meek – The Henderson Wessendorff Foundation
27. Qwentadria Ware-Williams – Endeavors
28. Renee Staley – The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation
29. Jacqueline Washington – Endeavors
30. Quynh-Anh McMahan – The George Foundation
31. Jagruti Sarkar – SEWA International
32. Terri Stuart – United Way
33. Rashmi Singh – International
34. Laurie Boudreaux – May of Simonton
35. Alvaro Hernandez – Endeavors
36. Ron Peters – Katy Response
37. Stacy Christ – Harvey Home Connect
38. Dylan McNally – Harvey Home Connect

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39. Eun – East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry
40. Annie Derry – Endeavors
41. Michelle Gonzalez – SVDP
42. Deysi Crespo – Katy Christian Ministries
43. Bernadette Bullock – Endeavors
44. Tom Pretti – Katy Responds
45. Sarah Smith – The Salvation Army
46. Sarah White – Second Mile Mission
47. Tisha – Endeavors
48. Shirley Clark – Access Health
49. Herman Rogers – Endeavors
50. John Lockhart – First Baptist Church of Richmond
51. Michelle Dobbins – Baker Ripley
52. Andrew Van Chau – Brazos River Rotary
53. Michael Gutierrez – Rosenberg Richmond Helping Hands
54. Amy Harkins – Easter Seals Greater Houston
55. Clif Cummings – Sugar Creek Baptist Church
56. Selmawit – Endeavors

## Updates

Caroline Egan – Fort Bend HS&EM Office

The county is changing how COVID-19 related cases are updated in the response hub. Previously, the data was updated at end of each day; however, moving forward it will be updated every morning at 8 am. The Hub can be accessed by clicking: <https://covid-19-fort-bend-county-response-fbcgis.hub.arcgis.com/> . There have been 12 COVID related deaths reported in the county.

The county is still under the shelter in place order. Hospitals in the county are running well and have capacity to treat patients. The fire department is in good shape as well. PPE is not an issue currently. If the fire department needs additional PPE they will request it through the county. Should hospitals need additional PPE they will request it through the Strategic National Stockpile.

Fort Bend County Transportation has waived all fees for bus and commuter services. Anyone can ride the bus lines for free or be taken to medical appointments, the pharmacy or the grocery store through commuter services. To utilize these services, the department ask that clients call to make reservation.

Halley Goldstein – 211 United Way

As of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 211 received 2,089 calls related to COVID-19 in Fort Bend County

- The top agency referrals: General Information (635), FB County Social Services (369), FB Health and Human Services (216), Catholic Charities (209), Texas Health and Human Services Commission (173)

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- Top Caller Needs: Rent payment assistance, COVID-19 information requests, electric service payment assistance, food pantries

Delena Pinkney – United Way

The Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce is hosting a webinar that will explore The CARES Act Updates. It will take place tomorrow, Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm. The following link can be accessed for more details. <https://business.fortbendchamber.com/events/details/the-cares-act-update-part-2-2069086>

Fort Bend Connect will host their monthly meeting via Zoom on Friday April 17, 2020 at 9 a.m. Contact Terri Stuart (tstuart@unitedwayhouston.org) for Zoom information.

Rashimi Singh – SEWA International

SEWA International is offering Masks & Hand Sanitizer to hospitals, caregivers and other first responders. Hand Sanitizer is available in 1-gallon bottles (no pump). Hand sanitizer will be distributed on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> (time and venue will be sent via email only). The mask distribution date will be announced as soon as they arrive. If you or anyone you know needs these items, please fill out the forms below:

- Masks & Gloves request google form is – <https://forms.gle/zKP4Ww6ZVwCAnvWT7>
- Hand Sanitizer request google form - <https://forms.gle/degBtoxSjm3EqGLG9>

Please encourage your network and community to donate plasma. Interested donors can visit [www.sewacovidplasma.org](http://www.sewacovidplasma.org), call (302) 659-7392 or email [plasmasupport@sewausa.org](mailto:plasmasupport@sewausa.org) for more information.

Dr. Sunita Gulati and Dr. Shilpa Rajagopal are hosting free webinars for children through May 15 via Facebook. Please contact Rashimi Singh at [rashmisewa07@gmail.com](mailto:rashmisewa07@gmail.com) if you are interested.

The following link will grant access to SEWA's Aspire webinar for children scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020. <https://facebook.com/events/s/aspire-activity-play-dough/3000958269961818/?ti=ia>

Dylan McNally – Harvey Home Connect

The Gulf coast COVID-19 survey is still open to the community. This survey will allow funders to understand the needs of the community. To date, 1400 responses have been received from Harris County and 67 from Fort Bend. Please share this survey with your network. The survey can be found at [www.Gulfcoastcovidsurvey.org](http://www.Gulfcoastcovidsurvey.org)

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Ben – Agri Life

Agri Life has assigned an eight-member strike team to assist with disseminating medical supplies from the federal government. Supplies will be provided to hospitals around the region that put in a request for aid. The team receives their assignments today (4/13).

Mike Youngblood – City of Richmond

The City of Richmond has an adequate amount of PPE currently. There were a few challenges when cases first spiked, however everything is back to normal.

John – Rosenberg-Richmond Helping Hands

Considering the recent increase in SNAP benefits, should there be a discussion around how we can consolidate efforts to ensure there is not a duplication of services? How will we sustain our services long-term? Does the Houston Food Bank have the capacity to supply food to pantries for an extended period?

Clif Cummings – Sugar Creek Baptist Church

Sugar Creek Baptist Church in collaboration with Second Mile Mission host a food drive every Wednesday at different locations. Nonperishable items are collected and donated to people in need. Distribution of these resources occur on Saturday.

Naeem Raja – ICNA Relief

ICNA Relief has a food pantry that is open from Tuesday - Friday between 4 pm - 6 pm at 5645 Hillcroft Ave. Suite #405, Houston, TX 77074. They provide delivery services as well. Please contact Naeem Raja at [naeem.raja.tx@icnarelief.org](mailto:naeem.raja.tx@icnarelief.org) for more information.

Sarah White – Second Mile Mission

Would like to have a separate call to explore food distribution in more detail.

John Lockhart – First Baptist Church of Richmond

Asked if Fort Bend Recovers will stand up workgroups to address the recovery challenges related to COVID-19. Feels some workgroups that may be helpful are groups that address PPE and food distribution needs in the county. Caroline Egan will discuss the possibility of standing up work groups with FBR Steering Committee.

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## Lacretia Jelks – On the Road Lending

On the Road lending is providing \$500 to 200 families. The money can be used for the family's needs. There are no restrictions on how the money must be spent. If you know anyone that needs assistance, please tell them to contact On the Road Lending.

## Shirley Clark – Access Health

Access Health needs more masks to help sustain the safety of staff and patients. They are accepting homemade masks as well as N95. If you have masks to donate, please contact Diana Long or Shirley Clark.

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