

GRANITE STATE FUTURE
EQUITY AND ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda
Monday, July 30, 2012
Local Government Center
Concord, N.H.
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

1. Introductions (Bruce) (5 min.)
2. Filling in the matrix - share and discuss suggested sources of information regarding equity as it relates to each of the livability principles. Who has developed plans and policies that should guide the work of the RPCs? Where can the RPC staff find baseline data to measure and track increased equity in these areas? Please fill in attached matrix and either bring to the meeting to share and hand in, or email to Tara by Saturday 7/28 to have copies made to hand out at the meeting (Tara) (30 min.)
3. Cooperative Extension - Communities of Interest - email to follow (Molly) (45 min.)
4. New Hampshire Listens - fall kick off public forums (Bruce and Michele) (30 min.)
5. Public comment/questions (5 min.)

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Members in attendance:

Bruce Mallory, UNH

Victoria Davis, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Rebecca Sky, Health & Equity Partnership

Michelle Mears, Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Kyle Pimental, Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Molly Donovan, UNH Cooperative Extension

Dominique Rust, NH Catholic Charities

Tara Bamford, North County Council

Sönke Dornblut, UNH Discovery Program

Janine Lesser, NH Department Health & Human Services/Division of Family Assistance

Barbara Salvatore, Engaging NH

MaryLou Beaver, Family Assistance Advisory Council

Deb Maes, NH Listens

Dan Perry, NH Listens

ED Menerio, NH Department of Education

Jillian Harris, Southern NH Planning Commission

1. **Introductions** (5 min.): Bruce Mallory (chair of subcommittee) called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM followed by a round of introductions.
2. **Filling in the matrix** (45 min.): Tara Bamford guided the discussion about filling in the Equity and Engagement TASC (see handout). The matrix was sent with the agenda. The goal of the matrix is to maximize the amount of time the 9 Regional Planning Commissions spend with the residents in the region. The objective is to have the TASC identify existing resources, plans, programs, research, and baseline data for the related plan chapters and appendices. This information would be collected and given to Policy Committee, and other advisory committees working on A Granite State Future. Tara Bamford stated that the existing resources would focus on equity for example: equity and

housing. This should not be a laundry list but instead the top five resources for: *Land Use, Implementation, Housing, Transportation, Water Infrastructure, Environment, Economic Development, Climate Change Impacts, and Energy Efficiency Green Building*. The deadline for this is **September 2012**. It was agreed that the group would work on the matrix as homework.

Bruce Mallory gave an example of was Water Infrastructure Plan that could be used as a resource in September 2012 [Water Sustainability Commission](#) which the final report will be given to the Governor. He stated that there was a challenge to get people involved because the perception that NH is water rich. Creating a conversation on equity specific water topic was not high stake. Sönke Dornblut specified transportation Communities of Interest would be helpful to gather the information on what plans and studies are available. Barbara Salvatore identified the NH Center for Public Policy Studies report [NH's Silver Tsunami: Aging and the Healthcare System](#) as a snap shot for the field of aging. There will be a follow up study by the Center of Aging released in September 2012 about the capacity of the state to deal with aging population. She also listed Department of Health and Human Services Older Americans Act; [State Plan on Aging](#) a four year plan required by the federal government. This includes information about what is currently being done in the State this included extensive listening sessions around the State. There is important information on housing and transportation support services for the rich and poor there is a gap in the middle class aging population. Bruce Mallory stated that some of the reports or studies available intersect with a number of topics listed in the matrix. Janine Lesser is also part of the Community and Economic Vitality TASC stated that families and young children there is planning research on the build environment but it doesn't integrate low income, poverty. Community Action Programs may have 5 year plans but Janine will follow up. The needs assessment include 1. [Putting Childcare in the Regional Economy](#) by Mildred Warner; 2. [NH Livable Walkable Communities](#) prepared by Southern NH Planning Commission funded by HNH Foundation; 3. [Housing Family-Friendly Communities](#) by Erica Gutierrez. Dominique Rust will follow up on New Hampshire Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Services report. Rebecca Sky acknowledged Office of Minority of Health and Human Affairs, [Plan to Address Health Disparities and Promote Health equity in New Hampshire](#).

Molly Donovan suggested that the information be on the Granite State Future webpage with links to reports. It was agreed that the information should be put in one place for a one stop shop for the Equity and Engagement TASC. Jillian Harris stated the Traditional Settlement Pattern TASC is using google documents for information gathered.

Bruce Mallory indicated that The National Estuary Reserves funded a two and half year planning process on the Impact of Climate Change in Exeter, NH. NH Listens roll is this is to engage Communities of Interest and Communities of Place on the impacts of the

raise of the Great Bay Estuary ecosystems and public infrastructure challenges to meet EPA requirements for Water Quality Standards. This will be a pilot site to engage the Town of Exeter. Sönke Dornblut gave the example of the 2005-2006 Institute on New Hampshire Speaks Out: We Want Public Transportation study and New Hampshire Residents Views on the Use, Availability, and Need for Public Transportation report. ED Menerio stated that Parks and Recreation Department Draft Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Study will be available with a focus on aging population and childhood obesity.

Barbara Salvatore stated that energy efficiency and green building topics should be expanded to include: Universal design which is important in aging and young families. NH Development Disabilities Council and Granite State Independent Living are using contractors to build universal design buildings. She explained Universal Design which makes certain that community buildings are accessible to everyone for example modified bathrooms studs placed for aging. Sönke Dornblut added that extended into different areas an example: traffic walk light signal timed so that a person doesn't have to spirit through crosswalk. Tara Bamford referred to handout on the Frame Work Livability Principals which are all connected to each plan chapter.

- 3. Cooperative Extension - Communities of Interest:** Molly Donovan introduced Deb Maes and Dan Perry, from Cooperative Extension team for Communities of Interest. Refer to Granite State Future Communities of Interest Draft handout. The questions are is Cooperative Extension looking at the right organizations and communities. The Communities of Interest will be held at 27 different organizations with the goal of engaging the clients. It is required that 3 of this events will be held at each of the 9 Regional Planning Commissions area. Bruce Mallory added that the purpose is to bring folks who don't participate in the state voices to the table. Barbara Salvatore noted that missing from this list is the young professionals Stay Work Play could be a group to engage. Molly Donovan stated that the list needed to start somewhere. Rebecca Sky recommended that the group look at this at home and send recommendation to Molly via email. She recommended that the Regional Planning Commissions contact Cooperative Extension information on who is serving on each Regional Equity and Engagement Committee. Tara Bamford recommended that the Executive Community work with Cooperative Extension about each Regional Equity and Engagement Committee. Molly Donovan addressed the goal is to talk to regular citizens to facilitate discussion. Barbara Salvatore recommended that Native American group such as the Abnaki need to be contacted. ED Menerio had a suggestion for the types of questions (do you participate in social capital such as voting?). Dominique Rust proposed reaching out to Manchester homeless population at Horizons Day Center on Central Street in Manchester, NH.

Molly Donavon addressed the questions based on the livability principals for the Focus Group. Barbara Salvatore noted that the questions didn't include intergenerational contact for example: in the aging field how frequently to older populations interact with different age/cultural beliefs. Deb Maes stated that the Focus Groups will be 45 minutes in length targeting the under-represented audience with 6-8 questions asked. Bruce Mallory explained after the Communities of Interest the next round is the Communities of Place conversation. Rebecca Sky suggested that the questions be more specific for example barriers to unemployment. Tara Bamford gave the example of basic needs question is there enough food to eat for your family. Bruce added the timing works to redesign some of the Communities of Interest Questions the group has ideas about built environment vs. what humans need. Vicki Davis gave the example of an event that Upper Valley Regional Planning Commission attended displaying interactive board for people to write and photos of different values represented by drop coin box to vote.

4. **New Hampshire Listens** - fall kick off public forums: Bruce explained the Public Forms fall kick off goal is to engage as many people as possible in A Granite State Future. Tara Bamford recommended press releases to multiple groups. Sönke Dornblut suggested the press release reach a broad geography not just the Regional Planning Commissions opportunity to use resources efficiently.
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6. Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.