Nonprofits Update

- New Hampshire and Montana have already established funds for Nonprofits
  - Nonprofit fund can fill gaps that new Mainers are experiencing
  - Remembering that the minority group is not one group, and while state governments don’t have the ability to specialize and respond to individual communities, nonprofits do
  - New Hampshire and Montana’s nonprofit funds often highlight arts and culture nonprofits
- There is a group of nonprofits that are self-insured and have to pay their own UI, and COVID-19 has hit this group hard
  - Federal government right now requires nonprofits to pay 100% up front before state reimbursement
  - Working to provide clear guidelines to provide relief and support for nonprofits (number in progress)
- Conversation with Members of the philanthropy community have been taking place and attempting to create a partnership but are still cautious and nervous about their own endowments.
  - Foundations are looking for ways to contribute to COVID-19 relief.
  - 2 grants have been awarded to foundations so far
  - The two largest foundations in Maine are the Harold Alfond Fund and the Maine Community Foundation

Maine Equal Justice Update

- Looking for a way to bring more childcare centers online to free up workers
- Immigrant refugee nonprofits that are volunteer based have too much overturn and need to be more professionalized
  - Improving infrastructure is about professionalism, not just more funding
- Communities need to be more proactive distributing GA
  - Possibly an urgent recommendation

Childcare
• 2 recommendations to address gaps in childcare as k-12 starts remotely:
  o Importance of encouraging school districts to reach out to community partners and create a plan to fill those gaps (Quick Start Recommendation — will be written up today).
  o Also perusing grants for schools to support those partnerships (July 15 Recommendation).
• Childcare subsidy for immigrant community
  o Importance of a cost proposal
  o Must ensure that childcare slots are not lost
• Safety net direct relief (considering GA and Housing) recommendation being considered

Healthcare
• Recognizing that PPE is in high demand everywhere
  o Healthcare industries are worried about accessing enough specialized technical PPE
• Trying to consolidate purchasing at state level to save money, looking for a ballpark cost estimate
• The confusion surrounding how small companies will access PPE and the number of COVID-19 task forces that have arisen in small communities show that it is necessary to develop a clearer more consistent organization of public health structure
• Learn more about worker retraining and what works and doesn’t
• Overdose death numbers available at AG office, but not available publicly
• Telehealth: computer access/literacy and broadband issues
  o Josh Broder: FCC has money for telehealth and distant learning and broadband
• Attention to small hospitals that may begin to go out of business

Public Health Communications
• Importance of strategic local communications to get people wearing masks
• Molly Bogart has access to the official state mask wearing policy if anyone needs information
• Keep it Maine campaign – emphasize value of masks to create social pressure and a cultural shift
• The Children’s Cabinet is also working to target students and youth for public health information

Next steps
• Next week, meeting from 9-10 even though not everyone can make it
• Moving forward, cost specifics will be important in recommendations