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NAACP PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONFERENCE FACILITATES VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING ON IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN PENNSYLVANIA

On Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm, a Virtual Town Hall Meeting took place focusing on Economic Development and how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted communities of color in Pennsylvania.

The Economic Development Committee Chair First Vice President Blanding Watson of the NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference invited the following panelists for discussion: Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Health; Lt. William Slaton, Commander, Heritage Affairs Pennsylvania State Police; Norman Bristol Colon, Executive Director, Census 2020 Count Commission; W. Gerard "Jerry" Oleksiak Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry; Susan Dickinson, Director of UC Benefits and Policy; and Robert Torres Secretary, Department of Aging.

Each of the speakers spoke regarding the responsibilities of their respective departments and the extra work presented by COVID-19. President Kenneth L. Huston responded to the speakers by thanking all of the panelists for their participation and stating that he looks forward to the Pennsylvania State Conference building a partnership with each of the State agencies under the administration of Governor Wolf. "In moving forward together as Pennsylvanians, it is refreshing to know that Governor Wolf is on top of things to ensure and assure that we all are treated with respect. The State Conference has a strong and aggressive agenda and intends to work with all of its forty-four units" across the state to promote relationships that impact change. This virtual session was an opportunity to provide to Pennsylvanians valuable information on each department represented, what they do, and who the leadership is for purposes of making contact.

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Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. The Pennsylvania State Conference was established in 1934 and pursues the same mission throughout the Commonwealth.