



**RRR Workgroup  
Conference Call  
MEETING NOTES  
12/1/20**

<b>OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES</b>			
Choice Edwards, Group Chair	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jordan Cress Morrison, Staff Liaison	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marie Brand	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Phillips	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irene Dion	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Betsy McAllister	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Darling	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Merel "York" Shuler	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**UPDATES/REPORTS:**

- The workgroup meeting began at 11:05 am
- Jordan discussed radio and television ads, statewide press releases, which will begin in January 2021
  - CARES funding allows for significant spending on these projects
  - York – we currently only have 208 volunteers, which we are looking to increase
- Michael Phillips relayed the following:
  - One of our volunteers, Don Hankey, recently passed away from COVID-19
  - We will not be forcing volunteers to enter facilities if they are not comfortable with doing so for any reason
  - Volunteers who are comfortable entering facilities are doing so, and we would like to hear stories/testimonials from these volunteers
- Choice asked whether ombudsmen will be able to receive vaccines
  - Michael will be on phone calls this afternoon and will inquire as to whether volunteer ombudsmen can be considered first responders and receive vaccines in the first wave of vaccinations
- The workgroup meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am