

1. **Lt. Governor McKee:** Opening Remarks
 - a. "Follow the rules!" This is the only way the economy will start to recover.
 - b. Encourages small businesses to apply for the Restore RI Grant Program even if they're unsure they qualify
 - c. Panelists appear with their masks (worn the proper way).
2. **LG introduces Commerce Secretary Stefan Pryor:** Restore RI (19:00-38:00; back on around 47:00- see more under #5)
 - a. [Restore RI](#) has been launched
 - i. 2 stages: pre-qualification stage has brought in 850 apps overnight
 - ii. Businesses that qualify will receive an email from CRF to complete the process (some businesses say it kind of looks like a spam email; be on the lookout for this email & do not open emails you believe to be fraudulent)
 - iii. App is more intensive because the grants are federal dollars
 - b. Overview of Commerce's COVID-19 response
3. **LG introduces SBA Director Mark Hayward:** Federal Update (listen to around 19:00)
 - a. PPP FAQ & loan forgiveness is [available](#) (everything is subject to change)
 - b. HEALS Act is being discussed, which includes PPP updates & expansion
 - c. PPP & EIDL (no advance) still available
 - d. Contact SBA: RhodeIsland_DO@sba.gov
 - i. If you were denied EIDL, send your denial letter over to them & they will take a look
4. **LG introduces DLT Assistant Director Matt Weldon:** UI Update (38:00-47:00)
 - a. Data update: 369,883 UI claims (duplicates & fraud included); 154K PUA (uptick; likely fraud)
 - i. **DO NOT KEEP FILING NEW CLAIMS IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT**; contact DLT using the form below or contact Lt. Governor McKee's Office at 222-2371 or LtGov20@gmail.com
 - b. UI Issues? Fill out this [form](#)
 - c. Report a fraudulent claim: dlt.investigations@dlt.ri.gov
 - i. If your claim has been stopped due to fraud, call: 234-4280 or <https://verify.dlt.ri.gov/> (best); IF you received a fraud stop letter from DLT
 - d. WorkShare Program (WSP) info [here](#); it is now automated
 - e. Contact DLT: dlt.covid19@dlt.ri.gov

- f. Email TDI/TCI at: DLT.TDI@dlt.ri.gov
- 5. LG introduces the RI Small Business Coalition (RISmallBusiness.org) featuring:**
- a. Chris Parisi of Trailblaze Marketing (47:00-54:00)**
 - i. Chris, LG, & Sec. Pryor discuss Restore RI; the initial program has been slightly expanded to include more businesses
 - 1. Sec. Pryor said there are limited resources, so there needs to be a limit on who qualifies
 - 2. Restore RI is the first program in the country to include 1099 employees (to Commerce's knowledge) thanks to the advocacy of the Coalition & LG McKee
 - ii. Contact: info@rismallbusiness.org
- 6. LG introduces Small Business Panel featuring: (54:00-on; this conversation continued on the LG's [Community Conversation](#))**
- a. Scott Fraser, President & CEO of the RI Health Care Association**
 - i. Discussing UHIP; an ongoing issue since 2016 (see this quick [overview](#))
 - ii. COVID-19 has created very serious financial problems to nursing home; state has offered \$7 mil in aid, but they needed to sign an 11 page attestation which created stipulations
 - 1. The Association protested because these are CARES Act dollars, though some still took the money because they need to meet payroll; should not be tied to fixing UHIP
 - b. Kelly Arnold, CFO of Health Concepts (on phone)**
 - i. Health Concepts owns 11 nursing homes, all in Rhode Island. Each home operates as their own small business.
 - ii. She applied for the grant because they needed money
 - iii. Disagrees with the stipulations, but had to take into account the auditing process & pursuing UHIP cases
 - c. Joan Woods, CEO of John Clarke Retirement Center (Middletown, RI)**
 - i. Did not apply for the grant dollars due to multiple stipulations
 - ii. Her center has had no cases (residents nor staff)
 - iii. Visitation is starting, which requires more time & money
 - iv. LG agrees that there should be no stipulations on receiving the funds
- 7. Lt. Governor McKee: Closing Remarks**

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