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### **BigSkyRelief.org**

*Operational Partners Coordination Meeting, No. 15 – 6/30/20*

On Tuesday, June 30, the 15th BigSkyRelief.org Operational Partners Coordination Meeting kicked off at 12 p.m. and lasted approximately 33 minutes.

The purpose of the virtual bi-monthly meeting is to consolidate regular updates for the Big Sky Community as well as to identify and coordinate needs.

**Big Sky Resort Area District Board Chairperson Kevin Germain** coordinated the meeting.

Updates in order of presentation:

#### **Kevin Germain, Chairman of Big Sky Resort Area District Board of Directors (BSRAD):**

- Shared concept of COVID-19 Testing and Surveillance plan, including contact tracing, quarantining, created in partnership with Gallatin City-County Health Department, Madison County Public Health Department, and Bozeman Health; hope to have final plan by next week
- Plan for ongoing surveillance testing program being created; working with the State to acquire testing kits and financial resources for testing program through Summer and into Winter
- Discussions with County Health Departments related to increase in cases of COVID-19 indicate spread from bars, working with the Sheriff to increase patrols of bars in meadow area

#### **Taylor Rose, Director of Clinical Services & Operations at Bozeman Health Big Sky Medical Center (BHBSMC):**

- Community Testing taking place Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Big Sky Medical Center from 9am-5pm; encouraging wide-spread participation throughout Big Sky
- Due to potential traffic flow problems main entrance will be closed; requesting nonhospital traffic not use the road on July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Face masks have not been mandated by State or local Health Departments, requesting area businesses and residents to wear face masks

#### **Chief Greg Megaard, Big Sky Fire Department (BSFD):**

- Gallatin County Health did bar checks for compliance
- BSFD has no needs at this time

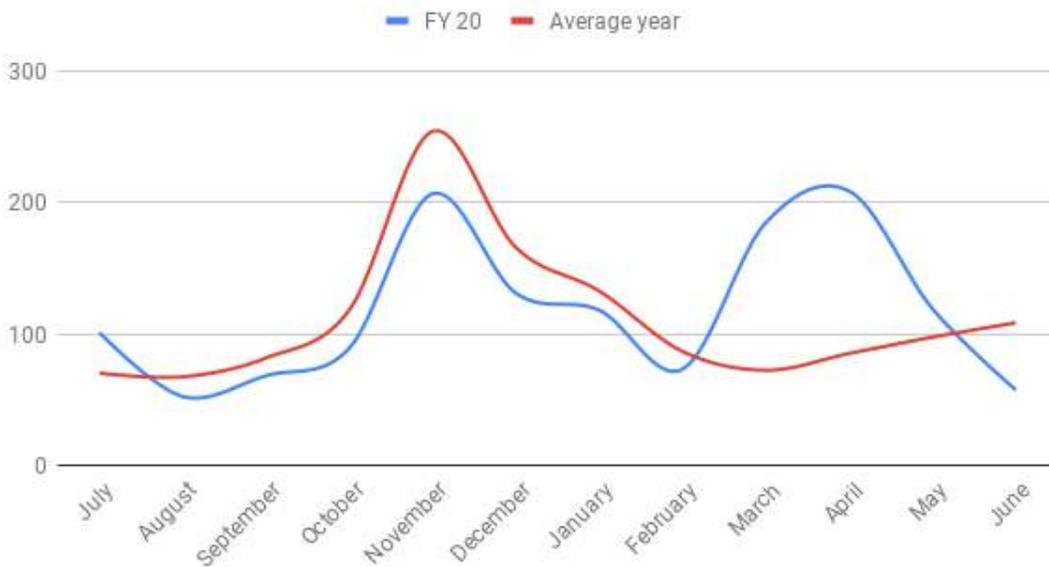
#### **Sergeant Brandon Kelley, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office (GCSO):**

- Not present; Danny will email requesting updates specifically bar checks in area

**Sarah Gaither, Program Coordinator of Big Sky Community Food Bank (BSCFB):**

- Sarah was not present but emailed updates:
  - The Food Bank is working with Gallatin County Health Dept to deliver food boxes to quarantined households - 5 households so far requiring these food bank services.
  - Will be moving delivery days from Fridays to a Tues/Thurs schedule. GCCHD's social services coordinator is Amie Gatterdam, who is the first point of contact for those who have tested positive. She has been taking the lead on coordinating necessities for households, or re-housing people to HRDC's temporary housing in Bozeman for quarantine (4 people re-housed to Bozeman last week).
  - Working with Big Sky Youth Corps intern Katrina Lang to produce and distribute the Big Sky Resource Guide and map of services for those new to town who may be in need of social services and/or mental behavioral health. This project is in collaboration with WIA and was aided by volunteers from BSCO. Guide and map will be made available in print and digital form. Katrina's internship will last for the next 8 weeks.
  - See fiscal year end service numbers (chart below). This June has been slow, with fewer food boxes distributed this June than last June at the food bank - though there was a significant increase just last week.

Number of food boxes served per month



**Jean Behr, Executive Director of Women In Action (WIA):**

- WIA had no updates or needs but will have more of an update next week
- Ciara shared that Bozeman Health have put together behavioral health PSAs; 2 days a week additional behavioral health providers will be on site in Big Sky

**David Kack, Coordinator of Big Sky Transportation District (BSTD):**

- The Big Sky Transportation District is running their Summer Season schedule, and everything seems to be going well.

- Not many printed brochures this year, so the best place to find schedule information is on their website, [www.skylinebus.com](http://www.skylinebus.com). A few schedules have been printed and are getting distributed around the community. If anyone wants a few copies of the printed schedule, they should contact BSTD by calling 995-6287 or emailing [info@skylinebus.com](mailto:info@skylinebus.com)
- Decrease in riders: March down 45%, April 90%, May 75%, but riders are increasing as things are opening
- Masks are not required on the bus but recommended; conversations with County Health Departments on how to require face masks

### **Candace Carr Strauss, CEO of Big Sky Chamber of Commerce (BSCC) & Visit Big Sky (VBS):**

#### Big Sky Chamber

- Happy to announce that the Big Sky Chamber | Visit Big Sky offices along with the Big Sky & Yellowstone Visitor Information Center have moved to the Clock Tower Building in Big Sky Town Center. The VIC will open to the public later this week in anticipation of the holiday and will require masks to be worn by staff and individuals who enter.
- Today is the last day to put in a PPP Loan application with a lender. Montana has seen 24,834 loans approved for \$1,756,614,546
- In light of the many recent cases of COVID-19 in Big Sky and their impact on local businesses, yesterday, Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> we hosted a webinar with Kari Gras, TogetHR Consulting on the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA) which specifically addressed how employers may file for reimbursement when impacted by employees needing to quarantine due to COVID-19 contract tracing. A recording of the webinar can be found at <https://togethrconsulting.com/workshops/covid-19-resources/>

#### Visit Big Sky

- VBS continues to support the state in its public health messaging related to safe and responsible travel. Additional assets locally including banners, signage, continued messaging on social etc. are being created and distributed that promote the Big Sky Pledge and our expectations as a destination for our visitors.
- Friday, VBS in partnership with the Big Sky Chamber and the Big Sky Resort Area District via Big Sky Relief efforts applied for a \$39,500 grant to purchase and distribute masks and signage to our consumer facing Big Sky businesses. Aspen, CO, Summit County, UT (Park City) and the state of Oregon are just a few examples of where local, county and state governments have mandated wearing masks for the safety of all in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- Big Sky's typical summer tourism season is getting ready to kick off with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. Summer concerts and fireworks have been cancelled but the Artisan Festival at the meadow village will take place
- To date, visitation in YNP has been at 75% through June 16<sup>th</sup> with the Montana entrances at 71% YOY. Tourism sentiment shows people's continued hesitancy in flying so drive market is key. For us to date, that drive in distance has been a national footprint.
- Events continue to be cancelled like The Rut and The Big Sky Biggie, and postponed in the case of Big Sky PBR in light of the continued restrictions on groups of only up to 50 people able to gather if properly socially distanced. A BIG shout out to Erik Morrison with Love Street Media/TCOA who has worked tirelessly with Gallatin City-County Public Health Department to ensure the Big Sky Farmers' Market will happen this summer.

**Ciara Wolfe, CEO of Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO):**

- Volunteers are ready and waiting to do the HIPPA certification as needed
- Increased cases expected with testing Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Dustin Shipman, Superintendent of Big Sky School District (BSSD):**

- Increased enrollment inquiries from people around the country moving to Big Sky

A cohort of Resource Partners was also invited to the virtual meeting. Those names and organizations included:

**Daniel Bierschwale**, *Big Sky Resort Area District*

**Taylor Middleton & Troy Nedved**, *Big Sky Resort*

**Matt Kidd**, *CrossHarbor Capital Partners*

**Kevin Hinkle**, *Lone Mountain Land Company*

**Hans Williamson**, *Yellowstone Club*

**Heather Morris**, *Moonlight Community Foundation*

**Ania Bulis**, *Moonlight Community Foundation, Women in Action*

**Loren Bough**, *Yellowstone Club Community Foundation*

**John Haas**, *Spanish Peaks Community Foundation*