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Operational Partners Coordination Meeting, No. 20 – 9/8/20

On Tuesday, September 8, the 20th BigSkyRelief.org Operational Partners Coordination Meeting kicked off at 12 p.m. and lasted approximately 15 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 Executive Director, Daniel Bierschwale coordinated the meeting.

Updates in order of presentation:

Daniel Bierschwale, Executive Director of Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD):

- Actively pursuing with DPHHS to find CARES funded surveillance testing program in Big Sky for the Winter season. Working with a company called It Starts with Me, who was onsite to run a pilot testing program last week. Tested roughly 70-80 employees at Big Sky Resort. Sending a proposal to the state in the next week or so.

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

- Ventilators: We continue to work on sourcing the travel ventilators and short-term ventilators. Working to purchase 2 Adult Life Pro OR 2 LTV Loaner Ventilators.
- No Needs currently

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

- Extremely busy over the last week with fires locally and across the state. Have been helping with fires in Eastern Montana and in Bozeman. The crew that was helping in California should be returning today.
- Working to keep everyone safe from COVID
- No needs currently

Sergeant Dan Haydon, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office (GCSO):

- No updates or needs currently

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

- No updates or needs currently

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

- September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness month, be on the lookout for information on the WIA website and social media, please share the information on your own platforms.
 - If you or someone you know is experiencing suicide ideation, please call the National Suicide Lifeline at 800-273-8255
- The MSC Counselling Interns are accepting new clients. Call 406-570-3907 to make an appointment today.

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

- The current Summer Schedule goes through Friday the 25th when the Shoulder Season schedule starts. That means no service on the 26th or 27th of September.
- We are working on our BSRAD request for the second half of the fiscal year (January-June 2021), but we believe it will be less than originally thought.
- We have no needs currently.

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

Big Sky Chamber

- A weekly call related to address childcare issues has been initiated with the BSSD#72, Discovery Academy, Morningstar, Childcare Connections, Big Sky Fire & Police, Gallatin County, Big Sky Medical Center, Big Sky Resort with a number of innovative solutions being worked on to help our working parents
- Tune in next week on **Thursday, September 17 from 5:30-8 pm** for the 3rd Annual Big Sky Chamber Community Building Forum presented by Lone Mountain Land Co. to hear about all that is going on around you in our community. The event is free; however, Registration is REQUIRED. To learn more [CLICK HERE](#)
- COVID has demonstrated how vital leadership is to a community's success. The Big Sky Chamber is currently accepting applications for Leadership Big Sky's second cohort for the 8-month program. They are due September 25. Go to www.bigskychamber.com to find out more. \$750 for members/\$1,500 for non-member participants.

Visit Big Sky

- On Monday, September 1, VBS issues an RFP for ad agency and publishing/content provider services. There are currently 20 agencies engaged in the process with responses due on Friday, September 18. Finalists will present to the VBS Board on Thursday, September 24-Friday, September 25 with a decision to be made by the first week of October.
- The "Let's Go There" Coalition which VBS joined via U.S. Travel launched its eponymous marketing campaign today, Tuesday, September 8th. Watch for spots to air during Monday night football next week, just as an example of paid placement. In addition, earned media is out to market currently with significant national and international coverage.

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

- No new updates.
- Programming with the start of school. Discovery school will be launching a program for students that offers a virtual learning pod environment for kids K-5 that are critical need (dual working parents, not safe for kids to be home while parents are not at home).

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

- First week back in school at 50 % occupancy
- Will have a better idea of enrollment by the end of next week and task force will work on increasing occupancy at the school
- No needs from the group at this time, but will know more needs as the week progresses

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*