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Operational Partners Coordination Meeting, No. 25- 12/01/20

On Tuesday, December 1st, the 25th BigSkyRelief.org Operational Partners Coordination Meeting kicked off at 12 p.m. and lasted approximately 13 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 Chair, Kevin Germain coordinated the meeting.

Updates in order of presentation:

Kevin Germain, Board Chair of Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD):
  • Kicked off the meeting

Daniel Bierschwale, Executive Director of Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD):
  • Thanks to Taylor Rose and Bozeman Health team as contracts are now signed regarding Surveillance Testing and now it is time for the execution of this of Surveillance Testing. December 7th is the launch date with 1,000 tests available. The test will be self-administered. A community dashboard will be posted the week of Dec 7th as well. Community wide questions, please direct to Danny. Danny and his team will work on proactive communication.

Taylor Rose, Director of Clinical Services & Operations at Bozeman Health Big Sky Medical Center (BHBSMC):
  • BHBSMC total testing capacity of symptomatic testing is approximately 700 tests. Most of these tests are looped into a panel that contains COVID, flu, RSV and should be done within the first 7 days of symptoms.
    o Have 500 test kits of the antigen test
    o B2 at the resort is now open and they can see symptomatic patients as well.
  • Currently still seeing shoulder season volumes in our hospital. Currently gearing up for the winter season to come.

Chief Greg Megaard, Big Sky Fire Department (BSFD):
  • No updates or 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):

- MSU counseling interns on break from 12/21-1/8 and appointments will not be available
- Virtual self-compassion and body image group will start meeting virtually January 13th. 8-week course for women and those who identify as women, can join for all courses or some on Wednesday nights.
- Sponsoring a weekly Spanish newsletter that will be shared throughout the community. Contact Sam Riley if you have any information to share in newsletter.

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

- BSTD will be making some changes to the late-night schedule starting on Saturday, given the new restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes affect primarily the Link Express service, which operates between Big Sky and Bozeman, and Routes 1 & 2. BSTD will be working over the next few days to update the website and get the work out on these changes as much as possible. The “x” shows the runs that will be dropped, and the highlighted (in yellow) column shows a slight modification to when we will have the final bus departing the mountain.

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

- Today is Giving Tuesday a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and their world. So please consider a give to one of Big Sky’s nonprofit organizations who workday in and day out to serve our community.
SHOP SMALL Saturday – Typically held the Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend however due to impacts of COVID-19, this year it is “SHOP SMALL All Season” this year. Please shop Big Sky’s small businesses to make a BIG impact.

MT Lodging Facility Use Tax (4%) Collections for 3rd QTR (July-Sept) are posted. **Big Sky is up 16% YOY, down only 3% for the 2020 calendar year to date, again despite losing 5 weeks in the ski season.**

Except for Red Lodge, no other CVB, Region, or the State was up in collections for this period. You can see all statewide collections here: [https://marketmt.com/Resources/LodgingFacilityUseTax](https://marketmt.com/Resources/LodgingFacilityUseTax)

The 23rd annual Big Sky Christmas Stroll is being “Reimagined” this year due to COVID-19 impacts. Online programming and smaller family unit socially distanced activities will be promoted during December 7-13. Check out: BIGSKYTOWNCENTER.COM/BIGSKYCHRISTMASSTROLL to learn more.

Mackenzie Johnson, Program Manager of Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO):
- Working to get volunteer information and services information updated on the Big Sky Relief website.
- Virtual Program committee has been working on holiday and winter programming to find ways for people to connect.

Dustin Shipman, Superintendent of Big Sky School District (BSSD):
- Participating in Community testing, meeting to work out details to get program in place.
- Board will be meeting to work on getting more students on campus in K-5, for this to happen is that at least 65% of elementary students consent to be tested on a weekly basis. Have not reached these the 65% mark yet.

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**