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### **BigSkyRelief.org**

*Operational Partners Coordination Meeting, No. 28- 01/12/21*

On Tuesday, January 12th, the 28th BigSkyRelief.org Operational Partners Coordination Meeting kicked off at 12 p.m. and lasted approximately 18 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 Operations Manager, Jenny Muscat** coordinated the meeting.

Updates in order of presentation:

#### **Jenny Muscat, Operations Manager of Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD):**

- Kicked off the call
- Please help spread the word that the community surveillance testing program is only for asymptomatic individuals. Anyone experiencing symptoms should contact the Bozeman Health hotline at 406-414-2619.
- Individuals who have been exposed, but are not experiencing symptoms, can complete the [request form](#) to have a BSCO volunteer deliver them a test kit if they live in Big Sky.

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

- Big Sky Medical Center and Bozeman Health continue to support the vaccine distribution plan for the county when needed. We are following the county's directives and are providing vaccines to groups when the county health department needs the support. We hope to have more of a plan on the vaccine distribution plan soon.

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

- Two members of the BSFD have been exposed and tested positive and begun their quarantine.
- Received CARES act equipment to replace a variety of equipment and new easy load gurney systems for ambulances.
- Still waiting to hear about CARES act funds reimbursement from the first request.
- No needs currently.

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

- First round of vaccinations have been done for Big Sky team.

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

- We are continuing to deliver food boxes to those quarantined with a significant uptick in deliveries this past week, specifically to people in company housing.
- Due to changes in the bus schedule (our stop by the visitor center has been renamed) and our pre-packed food box model, people are taking the bus less and may be having trouble getting to us. We are considering a bi-monthly mobile location for pickups at the Chapel. I will notify the group on final plans.

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

- WIA is sponsoring a free 8-week course promoting positive self-compassion, and body image for women beginning Wednesday, January 13th at 5:30pm. Registration is still open. Email [ruby@bigskyhdc@gmail.com](mailto:ruby@bigskyhdc@gmail.com) for more information.
- WIA and Charlie Health are now partnering to provide their behavioral health services on a sliding fee. Charlie Health will apply to WIA for financial assistance on behalf of their clients to ensure confidentiality.

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

- Changes have been made in bus schedule for safety concerns, no longer stopping at the Conoco on their way to Bozeman. TIGER grant will address some of these issues.
- Construction project near Skycrest causing it for it to be unsafe for the buses to drive through, due to the number of vehicles parked on the side of the road.
- Ridership numbers are looking good.
- Had a couple drivers who were exposed and isolated. Continuing to require masks on buses.
- No needs currently.

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

**Chamber**

- PPP newly launched program for 501-c-6 programs started on Monday.
- Tomorrow anyone who previously filed for PPP loan can apply again based on availability. Chamber has been sharing this information with their member businesses.
- New Governor is in office and the 67<sup>th</sup> legislative session started on January 4<sup>th</sup>. There are several bills coming forward that will affect small businesses.

**VBS**

- Busy as a destination and summer numbers are ahead of last year.
- Yellowstone Park occupancy is up for this coming summer.
- Be prepared for a busy summer.
- Keeping an eye on what is going on in other ski communities in the west.

**Mackenzie Johnson, Program Manager of Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO):**

- Volunteer request form is up and have received an influx of requests. 7 people asked for COVID tests be delivered, only delivered 1 test due to people requesting tests needing to visit Big Sky Medical Center or they were able to pick up their own test.
- Looking for ways to get tests to employees in housing at the Mountain Lodge.
- BSCO has been getting several calls and a lot of foot traffic for people looking for the community surveillance tests.

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

- No updates or needs currently

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*