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Operational Partners Coordination Meeting, No. 31- 02/23/21

On Tuesday, February 23rd, the 31st BigSkyRelief.org Operational Partners Coordination Meeting kicked off at 12 p.m. and lasted approximately 25 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 call.
- **Testing Update:** Positivity rate is staying steady. Last weeks numbers will be available tomorrow (2/24). Testing program will end in early April, please encourage people to use any tests they may be holding on to before the end of the winter season. Help spread the word to take advantage of the testing program.

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

- **Vaccine Update:** [BigSkyRelief.org/vaccinations/](https://www.bigskyrelief.org/vaccinations/) has details on vaccination options for Big Sky residents:
 - BHBSMC is hosting a clinic for Phase 1B patients on March 7th.
 - Gallatin County Clinics are hosted at the Fairgrounds, sign up for text and email alerts for updates.
 - Madison County Clinics will be available for residents of Madison County on March 2nd, 16th, and 30th and April 13th, and 27th. Residents of Madison County are encouraged to call and get placed on the waitlist.

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

- **Vaccine Update:** BHBSMC is continuing with vaccination efforts.
- **Current Needs:** Please continue to message to the community to be kind to hospital staff when they call and interact with them. There are a lot of emotions around the vaccine and calling and harassing the front desk staff (who are not in any way capable of changing the situation) is unproductive. If people could practice kindness when calling, it would be appreciated.

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

- Working to help coordinate the Madison County vaccine clinics.
- Please continue to practice good behaviors even after people receive vaccines.

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

- No updates or needs

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

- HRDC has secured vaccine appointments for clients and 3 people from Big Sky have been vaccinated.
- Working to get the word out about vaccines to the Spanish speaking community in Big Sky.
- Current needs: chunky meal type soups (canned or frozen).

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

- *Updates provided by Ania Bulis.* Mental Health Coalition coordinator position has been filled, more details coming soon.
- BHBSMC is working on a campaign around behavioral and mental health.

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

- Federal mask mandate is still in place; therefore masks are required on the bus.
- Rider numbers are consistent, down 22% for link express and 38% down in local service (due to less international employees likely).
- May 4th ballot will have an issue to expand the boundaries of the BSTD to match BSRAD boundaries. No financial implications with this change, stay tuned for more information.
- No needs currently.

Caitlin Quisenberry, Program and Events Manager of Big Sky Chamber of Commerce (BSCC)

- Still have masks and signs for businesses to grab at their convenience outside the rear entryway of the Chamber office.
- Small Business Association is opening another funding cycle for PPP funding.

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

- No new delivery or volunteer requests since the last meeting, and a few new people have completed the form to volunteer with BSCO.
- No needs currently.

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

- Last week was the first week of 100% in-person learning this year.
- Over 2,000 tests administered at the school, with a total of 23 positives. Testing will happen one day a week moving forward.
- Teacher housing project should be finished by June 1st with several volunteers arriving soon.

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*