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Operational Partners Coordination Meeting, No. 32- 03/09/21

On Tuesday, March 9th, the 32nd 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 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 went up a little bit last week, but nothing to be alarmed about. New report for last week will come out tomorrow.
 - One more month of testing program with LetsGetChecked, please encourage people to keep participating and to continue to practice safe behaviors.

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

- **Testing Update:**
 - Almost 40,000 tests have been administered, visit BigSkyRelief.org/testing for full details on program.
- **Vaccination Update:**
 - Successful vaccination clinic on Sunday with Bozeman Health, ~560 individuals were vaccinated.
 - 30 vaccinations on March 2nd for the Madison Valley Medical Center clinic.

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

- No updates or needs currently.

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

- Assisted with vaccine clinic on March 2nd, very successful event.
- February was a record-breaking month with call volume.
- 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):

- Continuing to provide tax assistance and have openings on March 25th. People can call to make appointments, for people that make less than \$57,000.
- HRDC still has 50 slots for an upcoming Gallatin County vaccine clinic.
- Starting April 1st the rental assistance program by Neighbor Works funding will be available. Assistance is available for those at 80% AMI.
- Still offering energy assistance to those at 60% AMI, applications close on April 30th.
- Still offering Kids Packs for students at the school for the weekend.
- Health Care connections bus (free health screenings) will be at Food Bank on June 18th.
- Looking for assistance with a strategic planning session with advisory council, recommendations encouraged.

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

- No needs or updates currently

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

- The winter season schedule will run through Sunday, April 18, shoulder season schedule through May 31, and the summer season schedule starts on June 1.

Scott Johnson, Board Chair of Big Sky Chamber of Commerce (BSCC):

- Continuing search for a new CEO of the Chamber and VBS. Aiming to host in-person interviews in the first or second week of April.
- Leadership Big Sky is continuing and going very well.
- In the planning stages for the next Eggs and Issues, aiming for the end of the April, more details coming soon.
- Monitoring progress of TIGER Grant, and the community impact.
- Monitoring current legislative session in Helena.

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

- No volunteer requests over the last month.
- CEO accepted an offer and will start the week of March 22nd.
- Gearing up for the summer programming and revisiting policies in relation to COVID-19.

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

- Continuing with 100% in person learning daily. And weekly testing of students and staff.
- Big Sky Medical Center hosted the phase 1B vaccination clinic on the school campus over the weekend.
- Examining assessment data to make plans to mitigate any learning losses experienced and make plans for summer and / or fall.
- School staff is eligible for vaccines under the Biden declaration of using federal inventory to vaccinate educators. The school is partnering with Elkhorn Pharmacy from Boulder, Montana. The first round of shots for our staff will be next Wednesday, March 17th via a clinic on campus. This will be followed by the 2nd shot, 28-42 days later, date TBD. At this time, 53 of 60 staff members are signed up for the clinic.

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*