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Operational Partners Coordination Meeting, No. 33- 03/23/21

On Tuesday, March 23rd, the 33rd BigSkyRelief.org Operational Partners Coordination Meeting kicked off at 12 p.m. and lasted approximately 17 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:
 - Over 45,000 tests have been run and over 800 positives have been identified.
 - About 2,700-2,800 tests are being administered weekly.
 - Still seeing low positive numbers on a weekly basis.
 - Lab is leaving Big Sky on April 9th; surplus tests will still be available for pick up but will be sent in the mail for analysis following April 9th.
 - Working out details on what testing will look like going into the summer season.
- Calls may move to monthly during off season, more details coming soon.

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

- Madison Valley Medical Clinic had a successful vaccination clinic last week.
- Gallatin County vaccination clinic sign ups available tomorrow (3/24), more details in the e-blast.
- Please help spread the word that vaccine clinics are not walk in.

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

- Vaccine Update:
 - Over 1,000 people vaccinated in Big Sky so far.
 - 2nd dose clinic this Sunday for about 560 people.
 - Moving towards a more ongoing distribution plan with more regularly planned out clinics that people can sign up for. This way vaccine distribution will be more consistent.
- Big Sky Medical Center Staff continues to address the issues we face in this ever-changing environment. BSMC staff is currently vaccinated.

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

- Continuing to assist with Madison Valley clinics.
- Big Sky is seeing high visitation as we are in the middle of the Spring Break rush. Do your part to remind visitors to practice safe habits and that Gallatin County still has a mask mandate in place.

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

- Seeing higher call volume with the high visitation numbers.
- No updates or needs currently.

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

- The Food Bank is helping people who may need help:
 - Signing up for a Gallatin County vaccination clinic
 - Filing taxes, another clinic may be offered with the tax deadline being extended
 - Applying for the Federal Rental Assistance Grant that opens on April 1st
 - Completing the Low-Income Energy Assistance forms due on April 30th
- Health Care connections bus is offering free screenings and will be at the Food Bank on June 28th.
- New account at the Hungry Moose, encourage locals to add money to this account to contribute to the Food Bank.
- Still in need of hearty soup.

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

- Small increase in people accessing services through the MSU interns.
- Working out details for what interns will be used next school year, more details coming soon.
- Encourage people to participate in [Big Sky Bingo](#).

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

- Winter season schedule go through April 18th and then transition to shoulder season. Summer season schedule starts June 1st.
- BSTD Board is meeting to discuss if the Link Express will run on the weekends during the shoulder season.
- May 4th ballot issue on expanding boundaries of BSTD to match BSRAD. Look for more information coming soon.

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

- Still have face masks and signs available for businesses.

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

- New CEO Whitney Montgomery starts this week.
- No service requests related to COVID-19.
- Gearing up for trail clean ups, encourage people to help with the clean ups. More details coming soon.

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*