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Operational Partners Coordination Meeting, No. 36- 05/04/21

On Tuesday, May 4th, the 36th 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 call.
- Meetings will now be held monthly. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1st.
- **Testing Update:**
 - Testing numbers have dropped off.
 - Have seen a large uptick in positive cases among locals which is concerning.
 - Help spread the word on the increase in cases in the community and encourage people to get vaccinated.

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

- The last day tests will be available from the old American Bank building will be Tuesday, May 25th. Working out details for remaining tests after May 25th, more details coming soon.

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):

- Things have slowed down over the last couple weeks after a busy winter. Focusing on getting projects done that could not be done during the winter.
- 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):

- No updates or needs currently.

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

- No updates or needs currently.

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

- Currently operating the shoulder season schedule through May 31st, which means there is local service available Monday-Friday through the demand responses service. There are two roundtrips per day between Bozeman and Big Sky on the Link Express 7 days a week.
- On June 1st, the Summer season schedule begins and will run through late September. All schedule information can be found at www.skylinebus.com or in brochures around the community.
- Following the Federal transportation mask mandates, all riders must wear masks while on the bus.
- No needs currently but appreciate the support of the Big Sky community.

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

- Thank you to everyone that participated in Eggs & Issues and Joint County Commission Meetings. The meetings were successful.
- Chamber and Visit Big Sky CEO search has been narrowed it from 60 candidates to 1 and have offered the job to that person. Working out the final details with the candidate and excited to make the introduction soon.
- Black Diamond awards at the end of June at Big Sky Resort.

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

- No updates or needs currently.

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

- Continuing with 100% in person learning every day.
- Continuing testing weekly with about 208 students tested last week and approximately 225 tested this week. The weekly surveillance testing program will conclude the week of May 24th.
- 95% of Staff and Faculty are vaccinated and 85% of 18 and older students are vaccinated.
- Construction project begins today at the school.
- No 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*