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Big Sky Relief Partner Meeting- 11/02/21

On Tuesday, November 2nd, the Big Sky Relief Partner Meeting kicked off at 12 p.m. and lasted approximately 25 minutes.

The purpose of the virtual meeting is to consolidate regular updates for the Big Sky Community as well as to identify and coordinate needs.

Big Sky Resort Area District Executive Director, Daniel Bierschwale coordinated the meeting.

Updates in order of presentation:

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

- Thank you to everyone who joined the inaugural CommUNITY Forum last week. The event went very well!
- Committed \$150,000 to testing for the upcoming winter and \$250,000 to Big Sky Medical Center to support COVID response. Funds will be used for PCR testing machine and to increase storage.
- Goal is to have community testing in place by Thanksgiving. There will be 500 tests available a week on a first come first served basis. Tests will be available for pick up at the Chamber.
- Joint Committee with both counties has been created to discuss jointly funded efforts. Last weeks topic was emergency management.

Taylor Rose, Bozeman Health Big Sky Medical Center (BHBSMC):

- No updates or needs currently.

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

- Preparing for winter season.
- Station 2 is open full time.

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

- No updates or needs currently.

David Kack, Big Sky Transportation District (BSTD):

- Winter season schedule is available online and begins on November 22nd.
- Masks are still required while riding busses, masks are currently required until January 18th, 2022, currently.

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

- Emergency housing is a growing issue in the community. The food bank does have the funding to purchase hotel rooms for people in need. Looking for ideas to help find people emergency housing.

Jean Behr, Women In Action (WIA):

- No updates or needs currently.

Brad Niva, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce (BSCC):

- Ready to disperse antigen tests once they arrive.
- Plenty of masks and signage available.

Whitney Montgomery, Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO):

- Office is still working primary remotely to keep staff safe.

Dustin Shipman, Big Sky School District (BSSD):

- Just finished 8th week of surveillance testing at the school. About 960 tests with 15 positives. Final week of testing.
- Will have rapid tests available for staff and students as needed.

Laura MacPherson, Morningstar Learning Center (MLC):

- Just wrapped up testing with LetsGetChecked testing but moving towards using antigen tests to continue testing staff.
- Excited for the announcement of 5-11 years being eligible for vaccines.

Scott Poloff, Big Sky Discover Academy (BSDA):

- Same testing situation as Morningstar.
- Students and staff are still required to wear masks while on campus.

Troy Nedved, Big Sky Resort (BSR):

- Big Sky Resort has similar plans for the winter season as LMLC.
- Working on letter to community and guests with what to expect this winter at the resort.

Kevin Hinkle, Lone Mountain Land Company (LMLC):

- Plan to do surveillance testing for employees, require weekly testing.
- Asking employees to voluntary share their vaccination status.

Hannah Richardson, Spanish Peaks Community Foundation (SPCF):

- Vaccine incentive program is continuing. The next 200 people to get vaccinated or a booster will get a \$10 gift card to Roxy's.
- Currently seeing about 20-30 people per week getting vaccinated. Expect to see this number increase as we move into winter season.
- Help spread the word about the incentive program and ask Hannah or Anna to get a flier.
- Click [HERE](#) for details and eligibility for COVID-19 boosters.
- Relief funds are still available.

Anna Shipley, Moonlight Community Foundation (MCF):

- Working with partners on the latest incentive program.