**Human Service Provider Call**

**04/15/2021**

**Zoom Meeting**

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This call is to help streamline communication and support and encourage collaboration to make the most of resources during this COVID 19 pandemic. It also provides the opportunity for updates on local needs from the nonprofit sector. Please refer to United Way website for previous notes and resources-<https://dbqunitedway.org/covid-19-nonprofit-support>

This call has created great opportunities to build partnerships and for our system to work together to coordinate and broaden our impact. There has been a great deal of collaboration with the city, nonprofits, philanthropists, legislators, and more. THANK YOU!

**United Way**

Danielle Peterson

* UW Campaign is drawing to a close on May 31st. These dollars go into our community impact fund and is distributed to 31 nonprofits in the tri-states that support health, education, and income impacting over 42,000 lives.
* Entering into our 2nd year of grant cycle. Our Funded Partner network serve many people that have been impacted by COIVD. Allocations will be announced beginning of May.
* COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic happening at the mall. UW working with Marie Z. from RSVP and Heather S. from AmeriCorps to assist with volunteers to help at this clinic.
	+ RTA offering free transportation to clients.
* Will again be having the Over The Edge event on Friday September 10th. This fundraiser is extremely important to help support our community impact fund.
* Continue to work with COAD’s Long Term Recovery Group to distribute Disaster Relief Funds for relief locally (see below update). United Way wrote for and received a grant from this fund as well to help support food scarcity needs locally.
* Women United’s Clothes Closet is open in the basement of NICC. It is full of clothes for men and women in a variety of sizes. The hours of NICC are 8:00-4:30, Monday-Friday. If you know anyone in need of business attire, please have them visit the closet. (we are not accepting any new donations at this time as we are at capacity).
* Get Connected portal – if you have any volunteer needs/opportunities, especially virtual, please post. Over 4,500 people on this site. <http://dbqunitedway.galaxydigital.com/>
* Please be sure your agency information is updated and accurate in the 211-information system. It is important that 211 can give out accurate information to those calling in. <https://www.211iowa.org/>
	+ 211 still has COVID Navigators. Anyone 16 and up Can call 211 to get assistance in scheduling an immunization appointment.
* **Next meeting May 20th (third Thursday)**

**City of Dubuque**

Kelly Larson

* Equity Emersion Committee meets regularly and has throughout all of COVID.
* This group shared information with the community in multiple way.
* Recently working on the vaccine issue.
* Beyond general information share, recently put together a panel working with Latino Empowerment and Development (local DBQ group). They hosted an online panel live in Spanish on Face book. Spanish speaking community members and Latino doctors in town talked about their experience with getting the vaccine and information about it. Two more scheduled. April 27th 7-8pm on Human Rights FB page. Here is a link to the panel discussion in Spanish: <https://www.facebook.com/kelly.larson.3954/videos/10227131955343384/> April 28th 7-8pm hosted by the Switching Places Foundation featuring leaders and doctors from African American community. Please share. It will be recorded so it can be shared. It is also live so questions can be asked at that time.
* City/County public information group is working on putting together a public awareness campaign. Providers are struggling to fill their slots. Feedback from provers that you are hearing from clients is helpful. Please help share information that comes out!
* Link to vaccine outreach memo with data included can be accessed here: <https://cityofdubuque.novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/CoverSheet.aspx?ItemID=12181&MeetingID=756>

VNA reported they are getting questions about cost & insurance. There is no cost and don’t bill insurance. Also questions about legal status. You can send people to Latino Empowerment and Education if someone does not want to call the county’s phone line. They have a running list they can send off.

**COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) - Long Range Planning Committee/Disaster Recovery Funds**

Peter Supple

* Allocations:
	+ Mental Health American of Dubuque County, client care packages with resource
	+ Food Related Supports: DuRide – mobile food, Lord of Life Lutheran – Food, DBQ Food Pantry – food lift project completion
	+ Rescue Mission – mobile bunk house
	+ UW – Community Impact
* Application is still open.
* Committee is now meeting every other week.

**Community Foundation**

Peter Supple

* Great Give Day will take place on May 13th.
* This is the 8th year hosting GGD.
* 180 nonprofits participating. Many are new.
* [www.greatgiveday.org](http://www.greatgiveday.org)

Cynthia Wehrenberg

Every Child Reads

* After effects of COVID: more focus on school attendance (currently the lack there of) and chronic absenteeism. You will be seeing an awareness campaign around this as we partner with the School District. Ask for community support to help distribute message.
* Also drop in reading scores. Need more support to get kids to summer programs. Every 1st grader is invited to their summer program this year. Encouraging all to participate and help get the word out.

Alex Baum

Marshallese Community Connector Position – person started this week! Very excited about this person being able to help remove barriers within the community.

**HACAP**

Ron Axtel

* Continue to take applications for LIHEAP – deadline is April 30th for utility assistance.
* Continue to process free tax returns through the VITA program. Federal deadline was extended so we extended our deadline to May 7th.
* Part of an initiative to work with all community providers of rental and utility assistance to better coordinate efforts as it can be very confusing. Push to do this through coordinated entry. There is a google doc/spreadsheet so it can be easy for the agencies as well. With this coordinated process, it will be much more affective.
* Office is still closed to general public. Getting closer to opening, but nothing decided yet. All programs, except Head start, are operating on a drop off basis. Want to get back where people can come in, but we are not there yet.

**Iowa Workforce Development**

Lisa Farley

* Open for a month for limited job search assistance. Call ahead and schedule and appointment. To schedule an appointment for job search assistance at the Dubuque IowaWorks center, people can call 563-556-5800 and press option 9. If staff isn't able to answer, a message can be left and we'll return the call to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are ok as long as we are not at capacity.
* Questions with unemployment call 866-239-0843. There is an option to leave a message and will make one attempt to call them back.
* Promise Jobs – last year have been meeting only by phone. Orientations had all been done by phone. Just this week, started doing orientation by zoom. They can then see the materials.
* Updates about unemployment and services can be found on [www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov](http://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov)

**VNA**

Sara Herzog

* Running services closer to pre-COVID. Still doing in person things that need to be in person.
* Out at the POD a lot. Making appointments. Have staff on hand to answers COVID questions.
* Some services meeting by zoom/telehealth mostly by client choice.
* Office isn’t fully open to the public, but people can always call or stop in if needed.

**St. Mark**

Dawn Cogan

* Back to in person programing this week in Dubuque. Everyone is so excited!
* Been in person in WDBQ all year, other than temporary COVID shutdowns.
* Summer – numbers are down right now with enrollment. Anticipate as summer gets closer, that we will be where we want to be.
* Trying for several years to come up with a community wide program where students have all day care & meals. That will happen this summer with a collaboration between St. Mark, Boys & Girls Club, Dubuque Rescue Mission, AmeriCorps, Leisure Services and the City of Dubuque as well as several other community partners. Kids will come, have breakfast, academic & social emotional skill building activities through St. Mark, lunch through the Boys and Girls Club. They will be able to go to the B& G Blub for the afternoon. If needed dinner from the Mission.