**Human Service Provider Call**

**05/20/2021**

**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.
* Over The Edge event on Friday September 10th. We hosted a launch party last night that went well. This fundraiser is extremely important to help support our community impact fund.
* COVID immunizations, call Sleeve’s up 563-587-4950 or <https://www.cityofdubuque.org/2965/COVID-19-Vaccinations>
* Continue to work with COAD’s Long Term Recovery Group to distribute Disaster Relief Funds for relief locally (see below update).
* 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/>
* **Next meeting June 17th (third Thursday)**

**COAD – Long Range Planning Committee**

Peter Supple

* Meting every other week now.
* Applications slowed down significantly. Granted funds to 3 agencies:
  + $7,500 Mental Health America – Client care packages to build resiliency.
  + $2,000 Boys & Girls Club - picnic tables, outdoor social distancing
  + $2,500 St. Pats Methodist church – food related needs in Epworth

**Community Foundation**

Peter Supple

* Great Give Day was last Thursday.
* Record number of 182 nonprofits participate.
* Just over $350,000 raised.

Cynthia Werenberg

* Received 500 books from Sesame Street
  + 13 community providers help assemble kits. Crayons, book, parent tip sheet
  + Distributed through Women United channels and other community providers that contact with kids
* Healthy You children’s’ book we’ve been working is done and off to the printer!
  + Going to get 1200 books & will have it in the fall.
  + Should have enough to give a book to every 4 and 5 year old in our school district.
  + Looking at doing a 2nd printing to be able to offer then for sale.

**DCEC**

Abbey Dagenhardt

* Mask changes – many childcare places waiting from guidance form their higher-ups.
* Shirley at the school districted reported in a previous meeting that they anticipate student anxiety increasing due to this.

**Stonehill**

Amy Schauer

* Multiple governing bodies who dictate mask regulations. Navigating well.
* Have had some experiences of false positive on rapid tests. Confirmatory comes back negative.
* Constant changes of being able to allow visitors then not being able to. Leads to confusion and frustration.

**HACAP**

Ron Axtell

* LIHEAP deadline was April 30th. Program has ended.
* Staff did get training on rent and utility assistance program through the IA Finance Authority. Ramping that up now and working with clients. Additional Information: <https://www.iowafinance.com/iowa-rent-and-utility-assistance-program/>
* VITA ended May 17th. Wrapping that up and will have final numbers soon. Last known was 600. In the final report we will have more details on dollar amounts, and other things.
* Continue to take applications for the Head Start program, 3 and 4 year old’s for the fall. Contact our office.

**Catholic Charities**

Ruth Berning

* Seeing an uptick in people facing evictions. Landlords have generally been pretty understanding. June 30th when the housing moratorium ends, will influence that. The coordinated entry process is a way to get people connected to the providers who can serve them best. That number is 1-833-587-8322

**City of Dubuque**

From Kelly Larson (via e mail)

Equitable fines and fees – survey from Loras College to collect data for the City of DBQ. Please share this far and wide. <http://cityofdubuque.org/equitablefinessurvey> Ends on June 30th

**Iowa Workforce Development**

Lisa Farley

Effective June 12, 2021, the State of Iowa will end its participation in federal pandemic-related unemployment benefit programs.

Iowa will continue to pay regular unemployment claims. The following information is provided for impacted claimants:

* Claimants who have exhausted their traditional 26 weeks of unemployment benefits and are now receiving benefits through the federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program will no longer be eligible for UI payments after June 12, 2021, the last payable week for PEUC.
* Iowa will no longer issue supplemental $300 weekly payments to claimants under the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program. This payment was made to all Iowans who were receiving unemployment benefits regardless of the program under which they are being paid. The last payable week for FPUC will be the week ending June 12, 2021.
* Iowa will no longer participate in the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. PUA presently provides benefits to the self-employed, the underemployed, independent contractors, and individuals who have been unable to work due to health or COVID-19-related reasons. The last payable week for PUA will be the week ending June 12, 2021.
* Iowa will no longer in the Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program, which offers supplemental payments to individuals who had both traditional W-2 income as well as self-employment income.

Our office continues to be open for job seekers to use our computers.  Appointments are encouraged and can be made by calling 563-556-5800, option 9.

**Next Meeting: June 17th**