**Human Service Provider Call**

**08/19/2021**

**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

* **Campaign Kick-Off – Tuesday August 24th** hour long program that highlights the work of United Way. This is the start of our campaign year and work to raise funds to give back to the community. Join us in person or virtually. [United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States (dbqunitedway.org)](https://dbqunitedway.org/united-way-campaign-kick-off)
* **21 Day Equity Challenge** – Starting September 1st you can sign up to receive daily emails on various topics such as privilege, implicit bias, criminal justice, generational wealth, mental health/brain health, marginalized populations and more! Each day there will be something to read, watch, and listen and should take about 5-20 minutes to complete. [United Way of Dubuque Area Tri-States (dbqunitedway.org)](https://dbqunitedway.org/21-day-equity-challenge)
* **Over the Edge event on Friday September 10th**. Sign up to go Over the Edge or become a sponsor. <https://dbqunitedway.org/over-the-edge> This fundraiser is extremely important to help support our community impact fund. We are in need of volunteers on that day. Please contact Paula if you are interested. Paula.paiderlicht@dbqunitedway.org
* City of Dubuque has undertaken a major effort at accelerating access to broadband internet in the community. The City will launch [ebb.cityofdubuque.org](http://ebb.cityofdubuque.org), a website designed around the new Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. Funded as part of the recent pandemic legislation, this program provides income-eligible households with a subsidy of $50 a month for high-speed internet access and up to $100 toward equipment to facilitate that access.
* Nami will be bringing some Brain health bags down to share.
* United Ways of Iowa has entered into a contract to work with local United Ways to disseminate information around the vaccination rates and increasing those number specifically with hard-to-reach population. We may be able to draw down funds for marketing, community partnerships, and access itself. Working with local providers.
* Get Connected portal – if you have any volunteer needs/opportunities, especially virtual, please post. Over 7,500 people on this site. <http://dbqunitedway.galaxydigital.com/>
* **Next meeting September 16th (third Thursday)**

**ECIA**

Shelby Eipperle

* Office still open to public. Went back to wearing mask into the office.
* Homeless hotline – 1100 calls for individuals since January from individuals facing homelessness. In 2019 we had 600 calls for the whole year, 2020 900 calls
* 900 entries for food delivery since January.
* Rapid rehousing program openings. Have people call the hotline 1-833-587-8322
* Amanda Dupont is moving from homeless programing to RTA. Hired a new person to take over work with homeless program, Ashely Newnan. Starts Monday 8/23

**Catholic Charities**

Matthew Wolch

* In July we helped 81 individuals with over $86,000 in rental utilities support.
* Offer long term case management for people who need to work on budgeting skills. Looking for more clients if anyone knows anyone who needs extra support.

Karen - Jail & Prison reentry services

* In need of volunteers, especially male mentors for people who are reentering the community.
* Back to wearing masks in office for everyone. Still open to the public.
* Still doing circles groups in person, some are outside as well as virtual.
* Only taking new volunteers who are vaccinated.

**HACAP**

Ron Axtell

* Doors continue to be closed to the public.
* Masks are again being worn in the building.
* Head start classes starting soon. Staff continue to take applications for Head Start classes this fall in Dubuque County. HACAP Head Start Application: <https://www.hacap.org/headstart> Taking additional precautions for safety with COVID.
* Effective tomorrow, HACAP will no longer be assisting with the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) for the Rent & Utility Assistance Program. The program is still running. Here is the website link: <https://www.iowafinance.com/iowa-rent-and-utility-assistance-program/>
* LIHEAP will be happening again this fall.

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