

## **Mobilize Katahdin Coalition Zoom meeting - 4/2/20 at 9 a.m.**

**Present:** Matt DeLaney, Jane Danforth, Charlie Pray, Chris Cunningham, Shelly Blaisdell, Tom Malcom, Diana Furukawa, Joshua McNaughton, Nancy Dewitt, Peter Jamieson, Susan Adams, Sean Dewitt, Josh Firmin, Angela Cote, Lucy Van Hook, and Robin Stevens

### **Mobilize Katahdin Updates since 3/26/20 meeting:**

Shelly Blaisdell (Resource Coordinator)

- 15 New volunteers- Held intro to Mobilize Katahdin call on the 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 3 Volunteer Roles: Phone Buddy, Direct Service and Responder
- 6 New requests this week
  - Food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, fuel assistance
- Gift Cards provided by Thrive Penobscot have been used so far but will be purchasing more cards soon (food/gas) with funds coming in

### **Coalition updates:**

Tom Malcom (Millinocket Fire Chief)

Biggest concern is PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

- PPE availability is currently okay but could be an issue in the future
- MRH has ordered an Ultra-Violet Light Sterilizer for N95 masks so they can be sterilized and reused, if the supply dwindles
- MRH has established a COVID 19 Triage Phone Line
  - Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Phone: 447-4190

Josh McNaughton (Acting Superintendent for Millinocket)

Schools are in good shape.

- Food is being provided to children (Birth- 18)
- Receiving support from DOE and others for distance learning.
  - No support requested from Mobilize Katahdin at this time

Lucy Van Hook (Our Katahdin)

- \$1400 currently raised through Our Katahdin website
- Will establish system/ KFCU/ Thrive Penobscot to disperse rapid response funds
- Will reach out to foundations that are invested in the Katahdin Region to see what other opportunities/grants exist
  - Our Katahdin can be the fiscal sponsor for grants

Sean DeWitt (Our Katahdin)

- \$10,000 has been pledged by a Foundation - \$20k is our goal
  - Hoping to use it to get matching funds, but access to the 10k can be pushed along quickly, if funds are needed

Peter Jamieson (Katahdin Chamber of Commerce)

- Established a relationship with Dollar Tree and was able to purchase a quantity of items when the truck came in on Monday, so we could stock up on requested items
  - Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Cleaning supplies, Disinfectant wipes, etc
  - Spent \$180.00 this week to get us started

Susan Adams (Elliotsville Inc)

- Will see if the Patten Dollar store will do the same (allow her/Mobilize Katahdin to shop when a shipment comes in)
- Is working with the Patten Community Food Cupboard to get it running again

Chris Cunningham (KVHC)

- Similar to MRH/have cancelled all non-essential appointments/dental etc.,
- Tele-Health is being used and a triage phone line has been set up, too
- KVHC can help with MaineCare sign up – approvals have been at record speed!

Charlie Pray (Town Councilor, Millinocket)

- Stressed that it is important to plan long term- for the larger needs of the community/MRH/Pantries, etc.
- Willing to help raise \$ for rapid response

Angela Cote (Administrative Assistant, East Millinocket)

- Quiet right now (General Assistance) but expect this will increase
- Remote meetings/same with MFD on supplies
- Unemployment phone # not working/call career center

**It was shared that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Tri-Town area. The CEO of MRH provided this information with MRH staff first thing this morning.**

#### **Action Items**

- Finding grants available – a committee will be set up to pursue grants
- KVHC will promote MaineCare “help” that is available
  - Christine will send info to Diana for Mobilize Katahdin website
- Continue to work w/Susan on getting funding to the Patten area for supplies
- Shelly will contact Peter as needed to get items that he purchased
  - Peter to send receipt to Jane or Lucy for reimbursement
- Diana will update the website as new resources are known

**Next Zoom meeting is Thursday 4/9 at 9 a.m.**