

Mobilize Katahdin Coalition Meeting Notes

May 14, 2020

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| <p>ATTENDING: Kelly Adams, Susan Adams, Shelly Blaisdell, Angela Cote, Jane Danforth, Nancy DeWitt, Shelley Farrington, Diana Furukawa, Kevin Gregory, Peter Jamieson, Kai Loundon, Josh McNaughton, Tom Malcolm, Jeff Packard, Louis Pelletier, Jenn Sheaff, Robin Stevens, Note Taker: MaryAlice Mowry</p> | |
| <p>GENERAL OVERVIEW OF MOBILIZE KATAHDIN: Steering Committee Members are Matt DeLaney, Shelly Blaisdell, Robin Stevens, Jane Danforth, and Diana Furukawa. The Steering Committee meets biweekly via Zoom</p> | |
| <p>UPDATES:</p> | |
| <p>MOBILIZE KATAHDIN UPDATE</p> | <p><u>Shelly Blaisdell, Diana Furukawa:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It's been busy...yesterday there were 6 calls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lots of food deliveries ○ Several requests for fuel assistance this week, continue to buy groceries and gas cards ○ Volunteers doing good job, and great attitude ● 1 new organization asked for financial support (St. Martin's Food Pantry & Thrift Store will receive \$500). Last week 4 organizations received financial support ● Started Communications sub-committee to improve outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trying to be strategic and reach whole region ○ Ad in Pioneers Times and on Houlton Radio ○ If calls from greater Aroostook Co Shelly will "pivot" them to resources in "the county" ○ Working on outreach "rack" cards – get in hands of everyone who has contact with people - use them ongoing ○ Shelley Farrington has written a story in the Lincoln Times, coming out today ○ Press releases going out soon in the regional papers ○ All students in the region all received flyers geared towards students ● Hopes to continue in the long haul, including other services like transportation and grocery shopping ● Have had calls for food pantry's in the area, these happen every other week and have been very useful |
| <p>OUR KATAHDIN FUNDRAISING UPDATE</p> | <p><u>Nancy DeWitt:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$7,685 has been raised on the public donation website; \$6,060 has been spent to date ● On private website, they have raised \$3,600 and that is matched. \$7,200 is available when needed |

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| FOOD INSECURITY UPDATE | <p><u>Jeff Packard:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● He has made contact with the coordinator from Aroostook county RSVP program (part of Aroostook Agency on Aging) and they will be in contact with Mobilize Katahdin – they were interested in learning about transportation opportunities <p><u>Kai Loundon – Good Shepherd:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● It would make sense for St. Martins to partner with Good Shepherd, they could get both grant and commodity food for free if they were a part of the network● Shelly will pass along the information to St. Martins● He suspects that the economic pain is going to be severe and prolonged. The more organizations that can come into the network now, the better. |
| EAAA UPDATE | <p><u>Jenn Sheaff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Meals on Wheels delivery in Penobscot County has gone up to 13,000 from 8,000 in the month● WABI TV did a spot on the EAAA Facebook Wellness Programs with the classroom manager check it out on their website● Check out the EAAA Wellness page on Facebook, various exercise classes available● Continuing with support group via phone for caregivers <p><u>Kelly Adams:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thanks for the volunteers who are helping with commodity boxes● Pick-ups continue in Patten and East Millinocket● Right now, if staying at home and over 60 you will qualify for Meals on Wheels under Covid Response funding● Refer people – they are really delicious meals● Same food is available for Doorstep Dining – can pay for those meals● Still offering Furry Friends – need donations in the area <p>Q: Jeff: Have you tried Machias Savings Bank? A: Right now, looking for pet food, MSB has been great resource Q: Jeff: Will you take into consideration your dietary needs of individuals like being diabetic? Where can I tell interested people to call? A: Yes. The number to call is 207-941-2865. Q: Jane: What is the cost of Doorstep Dining, and what does suggested donation mean? A: \$5.00 is the cost of a meal if they do not qualify under other guidelines, but everyone should call, and we will work with people individually. They are frozen meals in packs of 5-7 and they are prepared</p> |

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| | <p>by the same company that provides food Bangor International Airport for the first-class customers on all flights. The staff have tasted the meals and they are quite good.</p> <p>Q: Jane: Are there statistics for this region?</p> <p>A: Yes, but don't have them on hand. Jane and Kelly will discuss what kind of statistics would be good for us to have.</p> <p>Shelley F: There will be an article about EAAA and some of the programs that they are currently offering. It will come out today in Lincoln Times</p> <p>Diana: Will copy and post articles in a blog post and will make sure that credit is given to the newspaper (LN).</p> |
| <p>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE</p> | <p><u>Peter Jamieson:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not a lot to update on today ● Things are trucking alone, celebrate happy folks and putting out fires for angry folks ● Assist folks that cross the county lines to provide guidance on opening up in as safe a way as possible ● Peter is working on spreading lots of useful information and there are no boundaries anyone who has questions or could use help he is there for them |
| <p>EASTERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE</p> | <p><u>Kevin Gregory:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Positions are open for Workforce Development Specialists, you can find information on Facebook Page ● You can also give him names of people that might be interested, and he can contact them directly. His number is 207-746-9608 ● Puritan Medical Products will be offering 200 jobs in the Pittsfield area ● Deb Rountree is sorting out how to continue classes, and how to plan for clinicals which are a requirement for health care positions, these are not able to happen right now |
| <p>TOWN UPDATES</p> | <p><u>Angela Cote - East Millinocket:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be a special town meeting today at 4pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The meeting will be about purchasing the Great Northern mill site ○ Meeting will take place in Public Works parking lot ○ People will remain in cars and will have a phone number to call with questions or remarks ● There has been a COVID-19-related death in East Millinocket. Town will be reaching out to the family to see if they need anything and will refer to Mobilize Katahdin if appropriate. <p><u>Tom Malcolm – Millinocket:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working on how to reopen the town office ● Will be using the “drop box” for a number of functions |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have been discussing 4th of July Celebration and it will most likely be postponed until the fall (this is what Bangor is doing) ● No new COVID-19 cases in Millinocket, but there is one person in the hospital ● They continue to work with EAAA in special circumstances, they know that Mobilize is available and what they are wanting is cards to hand out to people <p>Diana: Before our rack cards are ready, we can get you half sheet flyers to hand out</p> <p>Tom: That would be great. We could use 100 or so.</p> <p>Jane: We have some extras we can drop them off for you.</p> <p>Shelley F: Do hope that there will be a celebration in the fall</p> <p>Peter J: The Chamber is discussing doing a virtual Memorial Day event</p> <p>Jane: The Maine National Guard is doing a flyover in Millinocket today and will be flying over the Millinocket Regional Hospital at 12:51 pm</p> |
| OTHER UPDATES COMMENTS | <p><u>Jeff Packard:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wondering if anyone has reached out to the Butler Foundation to assist in funding <p><u>Susan Adams:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wanted to acknowledge the incredible cooperation and coordination that is occurring in the food pantry phone calls ● This is a model for future collaboration building efforts |
| RESOURCES DISCUSSED: | |
| EAAA | <p>EAAA Wellness Group</p> <p>WABI Story about EAAA Wellness Group</p> <p>207-941-2865 is main office number, they will assist anyone who calls wanting and make sure that they get understand what programs they quality for and have access to</p> |
| EMDC | <p>Workforce Development Specialist job description</p> <p>Puritan Medical Products job offerings</p> <p>Kevin Gregory can be reached at 207-746-96045</p> |
| FOLLOW UP ITEMS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shelly B. will be in touch with the RSVP program in Aroostook County, Jeff P. will provide contact information ● Shelly B. will follow up with St. Martin's about this being the time to reconsider being a part of the Good Shepherd Network ● Jane will get some temporary flyers (while waiting for the printing) to Tom Malcolm for his use. |
| NEXT MEETING | May 21, 2020 9:00 a.m. |