

# Mobilize Katahdin Coalition Meeting Notes

May 28, 2020

**ATTENDING:** Susan Adams, Shelly Blaisdell, Jane Danforth, Megan Day, Matt DeLaney, Shelley Farrington, Mike Elliott, Diana Furukawa, Tina McLeod, Joshua McNaughton, Jeff Packard, Louis Pelletier, Charles Pray, Jenn Sheaff, Kevin Gregory

Note Taker: MaryAlice Mowry

## GENERAL OVERVIEW OF MOBILIZE KATAHDIN:

Steering Committee Members are Shelly Blaisdell, Jane Danforth, Matt DeLaney, Diana Furukawa, and Robin Stevens. The Steering Committee meets biweekly

## UPDATES:

### MOBILIZE KATAHDIN UPDATES

Shelly Blaisdell:

- Communication sub-committee meet this week, and explore strategies to get the new outreach “rack” cards out to the community
- Also looking for places to put the cards and flyers, etc.
- E. Millinocket will be rack card in the utility bill mailing
- The order has been placed and will have in a week or two

Q: Charlie: What pharmacy is used?

A: Shelly: This depends on the individual and their insurance coverage, personal choice, etc.

Charlie: Will follow up on a National Association of Counties co-pay program and report back

- We will be working with EAAA to enhance the shopping services we are offering
- We have been putting together a plan for the future
- Housing/rent assistance:
  - We were not able to meet a request for rent/security deposit assistance
  - Collaborated with town of East Millinocket because it seemed like a good General Assistance case
  - This is a need, people have not been able to be evicted, but that’s coming to an end soon as the state reopens, and we’ll have an influx of people needing help with rent and utilities
- Tina McLeod is going to be an intern for us this summer. She is a student who will meet her needs for her degree and will help with projects going forward.
- Organizing a call for General Assistance Directors in the region, to help coordinate planning as the moratorium on

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	<p>eviction grows closer and the demand for help will be increasing</p> <p><u>Diana Furukawa:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <a href="#">Survey</a> was emailed to our email list yesterday. The steering committee is needing and wanting feedback regarding coalition meetings purpose and meeting times</li></ul> <p><u>Jane Danforth:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Please complete the <a href="#">survey</a></li><li>● Considering going to every other week, will get feedback from the survey and get back to the coalition members regarding date and time of the next meeting</li><li>● Plan on meeting week of June 11th</li></ul> <p><u>Susan:</u> wants to keep informed if something urgent or important information</p> <p><u>Jane:</u> Please send information that you feel is urgent so it can be put into newsletter or email communication</p>
<b>FUNDRAISING UPDATES</b>	<p><u>Matt DeLaney:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Reporting on behalf of Nancy DeWitt</li><li>● Our Katahdin has two different fundraising platforms (public side, and private)</li><li>● \$7,785 raised by public site, of this \$7,612 has been dispersed</li><li>● \$3,600 raised on the private site, this has been matched by \$3,600, \$315 has been dispersed of this fund.</li></ul>
<b>EAAA UPDATE</b>	<p><u>Jenn Sheaff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bangor Daily News approached them about “feel good” stories, she talked to John Holyoak about Mobilize Katahdin</li><li>● Discussed Medicare Savings which is a very good financial benefit to many seniors</li><li>● Jenn showed screen shot of Medicare Savings Program guidelines and program information, there is no estate recovery</li><li>● Very glad about the collaboration with MK grocery shopping pick-up/delivery and pantry box delivery – this will provide additional resources to the region</li></ul>
<b>School Update</b>	<p><u>Josh McNaughton:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Gearing up for end of school</li><li>● Watch Facebook page for further information</li><li>● The school was awarded 225 Samsung tablet that are internet connected and they will be distributed</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Graduation plans are all set</li></ul> <p><u>Diana:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The library will be launching a summer reading program</li><li>● There will be a large virtual component</li><li>● Using a new program and it incorporates a number of features that kids can really enjoy</li><li>● Diana will be following up with Josh</li></ul> <p><u>Q: Jane:</u> What is happening with Baylor U Program food program? <u>Q: Shelly:</u> what about summer lunch program? <u>A: Josh:</u> We are going to be feeding students as we do every summer, pulling together now, families are registered, and the Baylor U program is full</p> <p><u>Kevin Gregory:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No summer school in Millinocket this year, not sure about East</li><li>● Summer lunch program will happen but still working out details for drop off/pick up. Rec Dept won't be doing it this year so may be volunteers</li><li>● Plans to start on June 11<sup>th</sup> in Millinocket and possibly June 20<sup>th</sup> in East/Medway.</li></ul>
<b>OTHER UPDATES COMMENTS</b>	<p><u>Charlie:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Congressional appropriations committee meets tomorrow, third bill is now under consideration. Distribution of funding will happen based on Population, covid 19 cases, lost revenues/expenditures related to crisis. Negotiations are still occurring,</li><li>● National associations of counties and municipalities are involved in giving feedback regarding distribution of the funds to states. Legislative county review – ME Municipal Association Charlie on that review committee</li></ul> <p><u>Megan KVHC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● First time on call, she will be sharing information from meetings with all six of the clinics</li></ul> <p><u>Mike Elliott:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Key focus has been helping businesses, self- employed, and people with sole proprietorships</li><li>● PPP spreadsheet was developed to help with reporting, Mike will send us this</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Working to get donations of masks for area businesses will be delivering to towns/businesses</li><li>● Rep. Golden will be doing small business forums Mike will send us information.</li><li>● Has received 4-5 requests for assistance as people are looking to start new businesses and he is working on those projects as well</li></ul>
<b>RESOURCES DISCUSSED:</b>	
Millinocket Schools	Facebook pages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Stearns: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stearnshighschool/">https://www.facebook.com/stearnshighschool/</a></li><li>● Granite St: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/granitestreetschool/">https://www.facebook.com/granitestreetschool/</a></li></ul> Website: <a href="http://www.millinocketschools.org/">http://www.millinocketschools.org/</a>
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	Meals on Wheels: <a href="https://www.eaaa.org/meals-on-wheels/">https://www.eaaa.org/meals-on-wheels/</a>
<b>FOLLOW UP ITEMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Shelly will contact John Holyoak from Bangor Daily News <a href="mailto:jholyoke@bangordailynews.com">jholyoke@bangordailynews.com</a></li></ul>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>To be determined – Plan for week of June 11th</b>