

Mobilize Katahdin Coalition Meeting Notes

June 11, 2020

ATTENDING: Susan Adams, Shelly Blaisdell, Megan Day, Matt Delaney, Nancy DeWitt, Shelley Farrington, Diana Furukawa, Barbara Hayslett, Peter Jamieson, Kai Loundon, Tom Malcolm, Jeff Packard, Jenn Sheaff, Craig Worster
Note Taker: MaryAlice Mowry

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.

UPDATES:

MOBILIZE KATAHDIN UPDATES

Matt Delaney

- Coalition meetings will be meeting 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

Shelly Blaisdell:

- Going along steadily
- 3-4 Fuel assistance, each request 50 gallons
- 10-12 requests for shopping, food delivery
- June 1st began partnership with EAAA, this is great
- Gas, grocery gift cards have been given out
- Steering Team looking at how we are going to move forward into transportation phase of Mobilize
- Rack, business cards coming next week, will be distributing once they arrive
- The next Food Pantry call will be Monday, June 15th, if you need the zoom link contact Shelly

Diana Furukawa:

- Highlights from the survey:
 - Have worked with someone new, that was good
 - Better sense of regional collaboration
 - More mental health professionals/social workers at the table
 - Meet twice a month
 - Info/resource sharing, understanding resources
 - Want to hear what future would look like
 - What will transportation in the future really look like
- There will be a call regarding the General Assistance program Tuesday 6/16 at 9am. If you are interested in being on the call let Diana know.

OUR KATAHDIN FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Nancy DeWitt:

- Lucy had submitted a grant application to United Way, and this week Our Katahdin received \$1,000 for fuel assistance from the Keep Maine Warm program

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$8,080 has been raised on the public website; \$7,612.15 has been spent to date ● On private website we have raised \$3,600 and that is matched for a total of \$7,200, \$715.85 has been distributed
<p>TOWN UPDATES</p>	<p><u>Tom Malcolm – Millinocket:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Town business continues to open back up ● The Governor’s Executive Order has been extended to July 10th ● Swimming pool is open, there is additional guidance ● Town office is open, allows 2 people at a time ● Working on procedures for July election ● Calls continue to come in and are responded to
<p>FOOD INSECURITY UPDATE</p>	<p><u>Kai Loundon – Good Shepherd:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good Shepherd will be returning back to the fee system for the pantry boxes beginning the first week in July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be returning to more choice and customizations for the boxes based on what partners are requesting and needing ○ The fee system for production fees (that was disbanded with the Covid related funding for the past three month) will begin again, if a site is having difficulty with the fees they will work with sites individually to make sure that the food services continue ● Anticipate that there may well be another surge later on this year, and want to make sure planning for readiness at that time ● Have seen new clientele, and also a drop off of some of their “regulars”, they believe that people that had been plugged into the food insecurity system before Covid have been able to access additional resources to meet their needs ● Schools have done a great job, and not clear how food needs will shift as programs change for the summer or are not available at all ● They are concerned that the need will increase as the extended unemployment program ends, and other Covid related temporary resources decrease ● They are not worried about supply chain, there is about a 5-fold increase in USDA products this is a relief
<p>EAAA UPDATE</p>	<p><u>Jenn Sheaff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramping up digital offerings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More programs are added regularly please check out the wellness page of Facebook, EAAA Wellness Group on Facebook ● You can also check out on the EAAA website – under the Covid section

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Partnering with Good Shepherd offering a program on “How to Spend Your Money in the Grocery Store” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 90 minute class ○ Participants who complete program will get a \$10 Hannaford gift card ● New program for grandparents and connecting with grandchildren via zoom ● The Meals on Wheels program continues to grow, mailings have gone out about the program and the call volume has increased since people have received information about the program ● Participated in meeting with the University of Maine Center on Aging, they have a number of services and may be a good resource for us ● Also participated in a program about Kinship and Extended families, the Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine and Kinship Program, they have a number of resources that may be useful for families that have contacted Mobilize Katahdin ● Cancer Care of Maine is also a resource that we may be able to utilize ● There are resource specialists at all Federally Qualified Health Center (Katahdin Valley Health Center and Health Access Network in our region), Shelly will follow up with them
<p>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE</p>	<p><u>Peter Jamieson:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visitor Center is open ● Staying helpful and keeping communication open ● Will be sending out a few announcements this week ● Putting together end of year communication to members ● Has agreement with Mike Elliott, and Peter will be sharing his office in Patten to better reach northern part of region ● Small-scale community stimulus program is starting to put in motion (gift card matching program)
<p>KVHC</p>	<p><u>Megan Day:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offering emergency dental services only right now, hoping to offer routine care soon
<p>Representative Golden’s Office</p>	<p><u>Barb Hayslett:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Congressman Golden is holding another tele-town hall this Thursday, June 11 from 6-7pm. The congressman wants to hear from Mainers about the challenges they're facing during COVID-19 and the economic downturn, and discuss solutions. If you would like to participate, please register online at golden.house.gov/live and dial 855-962-1151 when the event starts."

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will also be a series of Zoom meetings about safely reopening businesses, Thursdays at 11am
RESOURCES DISCUSSED:	
EAAA	https://www.facebook.com/groups/EAAAWellness/ 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
University of Maine Center on Aging	https://mainecenteronaging.umaine.edu/
Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine & Kinship Program	https://www.affm.net/
Cancer Care of Maine	https://northernlighthealth.org/Locations/Eastern-Maine-Medical-Center/Care-Centers-Services/Cancer-Care?gclid=Cj0KCQjwrlf3BRD1ARIsAMuuGnt5arByS5a3OoqK03ucwX4xa2kDrRnfotoc3X9Xa16GOkIJ-Wjm4flaAh2PEALw_wcB
FOLLOW UP ITEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelly B. will be in touch HAN regarding their Resource Specialist(s) and how to connect and partner together Shelly B. will follow up with the resources that were discussed by Jenn today (U Maine Center on Aging, Adoptive and Foster Families of ME and the Kinship Program, Cancer Care Center of Maine)
NEXT MEETING	June 25, 2020 9:00 a.m.