

# Mobilize Katahdin Coalition

August 6, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

**ATTENDANTS:** Jane Danforth, *Thrive Penobscot Director of Grants & Community Wellness*; **Matt Delaney**, *Millinocket Memorial Library Director*; **Diana Furukawa**, *Mobilize Katahdin Steering Team/Volunteer Coordinator Millinocket Memorial Library*; **Tina McLeod**, *Mobilize Katahdin Intern*; **Shelley Farrington**, *Lincoln News Journalist*; **Jennifer Sheaff**, *Eastern Area Agency on Aging Community Outreach & Program Manager*; **Katie Mackin**, *Millinocket Regional Hospital Marketing Coordinator*; **Susan Adams**, *Elliotsville Foundation Recreation Manager*; **Debora Rountree**, *KRHEC/UMA East Millinocket Center Director*; **Tom Malcolm**, *Millinocket Fire Department Fire Chief*; **Barbara Hayslett**, *Aide to State Representative Jared Golden*, **Kai Loundon**, *Good Shepherd Food Bank Community Resource Representative*; **Jeff Packard**, *UVEC Food Pantry*; **Kevin Gregory**, *Eastern Maine Development Corporation Peer Support Specialist*; **Joshua McNaughton**, *Millinocket School Department K-5 Assistant Principal*; **Kyle Leathers**, *Town of E. Millinocket Selectman*

**NOTETAKER:** Tina McLeod

## MOBILIZE KATAHDIN UPDATES:

### Diana Furukawa:

- We have had several calls for groceries; use Ellis' Market to order, purchase and pick up curbside via volunteers who deliver to the patrons upon request.
- Steering team is continuing to work on transportation services by setting up guidelines and safety precautions; we hope to be ready by Fall.

### Financial Updates – Matt Delaney:

- Raised to Date: \$15,330.00
- Grant through United Way (for heating fuel assistance): \$1,000.00
- Dispersed to Date: \$10,386.46
- Balance Available: \$5,943.54

### Mask Up for ME – Jane Danforth:

- Grant application has been submitted by the Town of Millinocket for this 3-month grant opportunity; deadline was July 31, notice of award is around August 7<sup>th</sup>. If chosen, will meet with Elizabeth Sutherland to launch our local effort. Sutherland Weston is marketing the *Mask Up for ME* campaign for the City of Bangor.
- One aspect of the campaign is to purchase masks to provide for free to anyone in need
- Also budgeted: 50 portable hand sanitizers for local businesses; and disinfectant sprayers for the Town and Fire Station, the Library and the Chamber (4 total)
- People who are “influencers” in the town are needed for photos wearing masks; Who would meet the criteria as a good community influencer for these photos?
  - Performing arts students will do something. (Shelley will help facilitate this)
- Sutherland Weston will edit the photos and media; businesses need to agree to be online.
- Jenn suggested a screen shot of the coalition wearing masks.
- Baxter State Park would like to be involved; Susan Adams suggested a park ranger wearing a mask in a picture.
- Jane received 500 masks from The United Way and has already given a few away.
- These masks need to be individually packaged; What else should be included in the bag?
- There is enough money budgeted in the grant for 2,500 cloth and 2,500 disposable masks.

### COVID-19 Testing Update- Tina MacLeod:

- Houlton Regional Hospital is open to anyone in need of COVID-19 testing from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. M – F, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; no appointment needed but calling ahead is suggested. The cost is \$150.00 per test. If the patient has insurance the hospital will bill, if no insurance, it's out of pocket.
- KVHC clinics in Patten and Millinocket: current KVHC patients showing no symptoms will have a nurse visit; non KVHC patients will need to see a medical provider regardless of symptoms. The

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	<p>cost is \$31.00, and insurance will be billed if applicable; non-insured patients pay \$31.00 out of pocket.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hours:</b> Millinocket: M – F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Patten: 7:30-5:30 Monday and Tuesday; 7:30-5:00 W, Th, F. Prices vary if patient needs other testing like the flu, pneumonia, blood work, etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EASTERN AREA AGENCY ON AGING UPDATE:</b></p>	<p><u>Jennifer Sheaff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAAA continues to collaborate with Mobilize Katahdin by reimbursing \$20.00 for each grocery/food event that occurs; Patrons need to meet the EAAA guidelines: 18 and older with disability or over age 60.</li> <li>• EAAA has rides available for medical only under their guidelines; Jenn will send Shelly the info.</li> <li>• Meals on Wheels continues going strong in the 4 counties that EAAA serves.</li> <li>• Wellness classes have not resumed in person at this time; working on a virtual platform. Excited for this because it will open up more opportunities for broader coverage.</li> <li>• New Facebook group: <i>EAAA Wellness Group</i>: guided meditation, yoga, cardio/strength, stretching courses. Can be accessed on their website at: <a href="http://www.EAAA.org">www.EAAA.org</a></li> <li>• At the end of August there will be a caregiver savvy training class for loved ones dealing with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease via zoom.</li> <li>• Support groups are being offered via zoom, creating a broader location. This is a great way for people to connect with others in the same situation.</li> <li>• Another organization that EAAA has partnered with is the Christine B. Foundation. Food boxes are free at Cancer Care of Maine for patients and their caregivers from the Katahdin Region who are going to Cancer Care in Brewer for treatments. This does not interfere with MK’s service; just another free food opportunity for cancer patients or a household with a person undergoing current active treatments.</li> <li>• Meals on Wheels needs a volunteer to deliver meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Tri-Town area.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FOOD/FOOD PANTRY UPDATES:</b></p>	<p><u>Kai Loundon:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burlington and Patten food pantries were both approved to become GSFB affiliates which allows them to now receive case lot food product from USDA at no cost.</li> <li>• Patten food pantry has plans to begin fundraising, and they plan to create a Facebook page</li> <li>• Food pantry zoom calls for Northern Penobscot area food banks are taking place every 2 weeks</li> </ul>
<p><b>EDUCATION UPDATES:</b></p>	<p><u>Josh McNaughton:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting now with all involved staff for a re-opening plan and the return of staff and students</li> <li>• Using Covid-19 grant to purchase cleaning and health supplies such as fogging machines, thermometers, gloves, masks, shields, etc.</li> <li>• Talking about protocols of how to address when someone is ill, and how to manage people who refuse to wear a mask.</li> <li>• Millinocket plans to use a distance learning tool called CANVAS from the University of Oregon. This covers grades K-12 plus special education. Teachers will have a 5-day training from the University of Oregon on the CANVAS program prior to the start of school; parents also trained.</li> <li>• School is estimated to start on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and the plan they do have will go to the School Board on Tuesday for approval.</li> <li>• Parents will choose what they think will work best for their child (hybrid model)</li> <li>• Watching emails for changes in CDC recommendations; grades Pre-K – 5 was changed from 6ft. to 3ft. distancing guidelines recently.</li> <li>• Kevin Gregory added that there will not be any snow days. They will be doing virtual learning. <i>(Pending upcoming vote from the Board)</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>KRHEC/UMA UPDATES:</b></p>	<p><u>Debora Rountree:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UMA is starting to re-open; Eastern Maine Community College is online and KRHEC is open by appointment only (will open daily in September 2020).</li> <li>• Public events will be limited</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Their Pre-K program is re-opening at the end of August; openings available</li><li>• Adult Ed is resuming as well.</li><li>• Accuplacer testing can be done via zoom</li><li>• Deb has GSGA scholarships from University of Maine</li><li>• Can help with students going off to college who are paying for room and board, but their classes are all online. Would they rather stay at home and do their school from there?</li><li>• Free training program for people in need of employment</li></ul>
<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>September 3, 2020 9:00 a.m.</b>