

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

Summary of 01/12/21 virtual meeting

The next COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network meeting is February 9, 2021. The COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9am. Thank you for partnering together to support one another during this new paradigm.

Nonprofit Response Network has a standing agenda. If you have agenda items, please let us know and you will be added to the agenda during an appropriate section, called upon if you want to lead the conversation or United Way staff will bring up the item during the meeting under the standing agenda item that fits closest.

For previous meeting summaries and other nonprofit resources, visit uwofsc.org/covid-19/nonprofit-support/

Friendly reminder that you can access meeting notes here: <https://www.uwofsc.org/assets/Uploads/11.10.20-Call-Notes-Summary.pdf>

Introductions of new community leaders & resources:

- **Forward Service Corporation**

Megan Sawall, Program Coordinator Region 4 (Fond Du Lac, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Green Lake) from FSC joined in to introduce herself and share the resources that they provide to our community. Currently the Sheboygan office is based out of the Job Center, they are able to accommodate people who have special needs and/or disabilities, and individuals with a criminal background. During these virtual times, they are also offering laptops and hotspots for clients in their program who do not have access.

Contact: Megan Sawall by phone: 920-913-4007 F: 1-855-629-7854 or email: msawall@fsc-corp.org.

[Food Share & Training Flyer](#)

[Jobs Training & Transportation Flyer](#)

[Emergency Assistance Flyer](#)

Volunteerism

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Network meeting January 27th at 9:30AM. There will be an agenda to come the week of. Please contact Gina Covelli (gina@uwofsc.org) for more information and watch for a calendar invite soon.
- **Spirit Awards:** Are taking place the week of April 26th. More information can be found on our website (<https://uwofsc.org/news-and-events/2021-spirit-of-sheboygan-county-awards/>).

Please make your nominations by February 9th.

The Sheboygan County COVID-19 Relief Fund was nominated for the **Working Together Award** in the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce 's annual Champions Gala. Congratulations to nominees in this category! With the many unexpected challenges in the last year, we are so grateful for the many community partnerships that have been a bright light for so many across Sheboygan County! Together, we can lift our community and rise through these difficult times!

ACTION STEPS:

1. Cast your nominations for Spirit Awards by February 9th! NEW categories!
2. If you would like to receive UWSC's E-Newsletter, please email Emily Kaiser (emily@uwofsc.org).

Open Discussion Regarding New Needs/Resources for Clients

LAST CALL – Hand Sanitizer and Socks!

You know the drill. [Use this link to sign up for a spot to pick up socks and/or hand sanitizer.](#) We are anticipating January as the last month possible to pick up these distribution items locally. After that, we will reach out to nearby communities if items remain. If a time/doesn't work, please feel free to email Heather Dana (heather@uwofsc.org) to schedule another time.

Auto Repair Assistance Programs

- **Forward Service Corporation:** WETAP, provides vehicle purchase and repair loan assistance with an interest free loan for up to 12 months. To qualify, participants must be 150% poverty level and below. For more information, please see their website: <https://fsc-corp.org/programs/wetapvanpool/>.
- **Love INC:** GAP Ministry, assists with car maintenance by determining auto repair needs and making payment arrangements. For more information, please see their website: <https://www.loveincsheboygancounty.org/auto-repair-gap-ministry>.
- **Consumer Credit Counseling:** Wheels Program, assists individuals with blemished credit get a vehicle loan so they can fulfill their daily obligations. For more information, please see their website: <https://cccsonline.org/>.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Sign up for hand sanitizer and socks.
2. Refer clients to auto repair assistance programs, as it fits.

Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

- **Healthy Sheboygan County 2021 Virtual Call to Action:** Has a community assessment meeting coming up on January 28th 7:30AM-10:30AM. Here is the [invite](#)/save the date.
- **Great Marriages:** Thriving in Love and Money event on January 28th! Hear from Thrivent Financial about relationships and money. Deepen your understanding of each other, leading to clear communication, peace as a couple, and better financial decision-making. Visit: <https://www.great-marriages.org/events> to register and for more events on their website.
- **Meals on Wheels:** Has their annual soup event coming up on Feb 22nd. Pivoting this year, this event will be drive-thru pick-up only for to-go soup and additional goodies. Keep an eye out for more information online!
- **Consumer Credit Counseling:** Is hosting their Rent Smart course at the Chamber of Commerce (621 S. 8TH St. Sheboygan WI 53081). This course aids participants in purchasing a home and knowledge on their rights as a renter. Certification upon completion of the course is provided. Information on forbearance is attached.
- **Nourish:** Check out their first quarter events calendar for delicious at home community dinners and ways to advance your green thumb: <https://nourishfarms.org/new-events?view=calendar&month=01-2021>.
- **Above and Beyond:** 2021 rental options available! Please see link for available times and days: https://mailchi.mp/04b61578afdc/new-rent-the-museum-4084689?fbclid=IwAR13ljev0YRgSSB4cS2424J6CmMISnQ_gaoGd9ORRUPYathd_KE413eYfh4. More updates on this will be coming soon. A&B is virtually providing the Play is Healing program with MHA. This program focuses on emotional and mental well-being. For inquiries, please reach out to Jackie (jackie@abkids.org).

- **Communication about family/youth programs, events, and resources with school districts:** As you may have heard on our last COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network Call, the Youth Agency Network (YAN) inspired a discussion on how to best share resources, collectively and collaboratively, with youth and families via school districts. After connecting with YAN, all agreed that as a cradle to career initiative it made a lot of sense to have the Community Partnership for Children (CPC) collect and distribute information to school systems in hopes that participating school districts will disseminate the information in whatever platform works for their district. We will likely be housing this info on our website, too. How can you join us? Information we need from you to make this happen is:
 - Organization
 - Date & time
 - URL
 - Public contact information (email and/or phone, preference is both) for questions, inquiries and follow up
 - 3 brief sentences summarizing event, program etc.

These programs and events will be disseminated through the Sheboygan County School Districts the first of every month. Submissions can be sent to Tahareh Mohammadian (Tahareh@uwofsc.org) by the 15th of every month and include the above information for the upcoming month. Please reference the attached letter in the notes for further information. . This information is also housed on our website: <https://www.uwofsc.org/assets/Uploads/January-2021.pdf>.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Please see above.

Open Discussion Regarding Needs for Agencies & Staffing & General Updates

RAYS: Runaway and Youth Services (RAYS) has transitioned to a program ran by Foundations. If you missed LSS's [community announcement transition letter](#), please see the link. They are located at the Weill Center property (816 N 8th Street, left of performing arts building). They are remaining continuity of services and feeding around 30 youth each week. Additionally, they will be providing a food pantry, starting next week. New contact information for Emily: Emily Kunde - RAYS with Foundations Health & Wholeness - phone numbers are the same, 920.458.7100/920.980.1939, ekunde@wearefoundations.org.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB): UWSC in partnership with the United Way Wisconsin network, will be launching a 21-Week Equity Challenge. More information to come via email. The challenge launches on Feb 1st. At our next Nonprofit Response Network meeting in February a larger update on the DEIB Social Sector's recent pilot survey and what to expect in a request for your nonprofit to participate in a baseline DEIB survey soon!

UWSC: Partner Agencies information for EC-Impact is due January 21st by 12:00PM. Please reach out to Gina Covelli (gina@uwofsc.org) with questions.

Habitat for Humanity: Has received funding from Sheboygan County for their home repair program. There are requirements to be involved, see their website for <https://www.habitatlakeside.com/home-repair-program.html> for information. Please contact Karina (kberdyck@habitatlakeside.com) for inquires.

COVID-19 Outreach

- **Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Info** is being included in their daily updates. Please keep an eye on the updates for information about local vaccination schedules and process in the weeks to come.

The Sheboygan County Chamber + Public Health Sheboygan County Safe Restart calls every other week for businesses. It is open to all local businesses/organizations not just the chamber members. Click on the link to register at the chamber calendar: <https://business.sheboygan.org/events/catgid/6>. Great place for resources and open conversation with our Public Health Heroes! For immediate questions regarding COVID-19, contact our local public health department at 920-459-0321.

Questions?

- **COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network** | Kate Baer (kate@uwofsc.org) or Gina Covelli (gina@uwofsc.org)
- **Community Resources, Marketing & Outreach** | Katelyn Piper (katelyn@uwofsc.org)
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- **Youth & Family Resources for Schools & Community** | Tahareh Mohammadian (tahareh@uwofsc.org)
- **Volunteer Opportunities & Inquiries** | (volunteer@uwofsc.org)