

## COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

*Summary of 4/7/20 virtual meeting*

Thank you, Rachael Lewinski from Mental Health America in Sheboygan County, for starting the call off with a mindful moment.

### Volunteerism

- Virtual volunteer opportunities continue to be encouraged. Remember to post those on Volunteer Center's website or contact Lee Anne for assistance to post.
- Continue to use the specific area on the Volunteer Center website for listing COVID-19 needs:
  - Volunteer Needs
  - "Wish List" area of the volunteer center for nonprofits to list the tangible needs.
- Volunteer Center Network will be hosting a virtual meeting for volunteer coordinators to connect. Currently, the expected date of this meeting is April 22. Watch for details from the Volunteer Center. If you are not signed up through the Volunteer Center, connect with Lee Anne to receive the meeting details. Please share this resource opportunity with agencies you work with.
- *Masks*: Kohler Co. is working with the Department of Public Health to get masks. If your agency is in need of masks, you can apply at [kohler.com/giving](http://kohler.com/giving). Click on the product tab, and then in the notes section they would write in that they need masks.
- *FREE Review of Safety Operations*: Kohler is also offering all nonprofits a free Review of Safety Operations with their Environmental Health & Safety Specialist to analyze whether COVID-19 guidelines are being met. Contact Caleb Richter at [caleb.richter@kohler.com](mailto:caleb.richter@kohler.com) if interested.
- HR/Legal volunteer support was mentioned as a need. McClone has online HR support opportunity: <https://www.mcclone.com/askhr-lp> If anyone has additional HR or Legal resources, please send the information to Katelyn Piper via [email](mailto:email) to share with the network.

#### ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **United Way** will send out information for the Volunteer Center Network virtual meeting.
- 2) **Nonprofit agencies**:
  - a. Email Lee Anne Raleigh ([leeanne@uwofsc.org](mailto:leeanne@uwofsc.org)) to submit your wish list of items or for help uploading/updating your volunteer opportunities.
  - b. Upload and update your volunteer opportunities online.
  - c. If you are not already part of the Volunteer Center, contact Lee Anne to be added to the list for the Volunteer Center Network virtual meeting.
  - d. Send additional HR/Legal resource information to Katelyn Piper via [email](mailto:email) to share with the network.

### Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

- MHA's COVID-19 Community Resource Card is approved, and they are working with GT Graphics for printing needs. If you are unable to print your own, contact MHA at [info@mh Asheboygan.org](mailto:info@mh Asheboygan.org) with a printing request (include quantity and if you would like any Spanish or Hmong versions).
- UWSC continues conversations with Public Health on creating a community website for COVID-19 resources.

- Please continue sending updates for UWSC's [COVID-19 Community Resource page](#).
- Check back with MHA before sharing AA virtual meeting links with updated passwords in Zoom.

**ACTION STEPS:**

- 1) **United Way** will be continuing conversations with Public Health for starting a public COVID-19 Resource website.
- 2) **Nonprofit agencies:**
  - a. Update their agency's information on the Google spreadsheet through the [survey link](#). This is an internal document to assist agencies in understanding available resources. (To view survey results, follow [this link](#).)
  - b. Update information in the 211 database. ([Click here to fill out the online form](#).)  
*\*Make sure you verify your email or else your listing may not be found.*

### Open Discussion – Community Needs

- Minority/Immigrant support discussion landed on two needs, (1) spreading awareness for COVID-19 Resources and (2) responding to the increased aggression towards minorities.
  - Looking for feedback from School Districts, Catholic Charities, and other contacts for guidance on this topic.
- Secondhand stores are closed but the need for household items continues. Suggestions for these needs include:
  - Leaving messages at secondhand stores as management is still checking voicemails.
  - Check to see if client can receive funding through insurance if the need is health related.
  - Giving Walmart cards for immediate needs.
- General updates included:
  - Transportation for the homebound continue to be a need and Gibbsville Church continues to be a resource.
  - Public Health is working on expanded locations for COVID-19 patients, including support for essential workers and homeless.
  - Lakeshore CAP spoke to hotel vouchers as their prevention funds have been used completely. Thoughts around 'After Hours' intake will be shared with Sheboygan's Housing Coalition.
  - Salvation Army currently has space available again. They also have isolated rooms for homeless with COVID-19, if needed.

**ACTION STEPS:**

- 1) **United Way** will check back with those that commented on the minority and immigrant support.
- 2) **Lakeshore CAP** will bring the 'After Hours' intake need back to Sheboygan's Housing Coalition for further discussion.

### Open Discussion – Agency/Staffing Needs

- Expecting an increase of events after once social distancing practices are lifted.
  - As you plan your events, fill this form out for access to a shared Google Calendar: <https://forms.gle/pC66ixg9kAuKR5rJ6>
  - As your events are finalized, post event details on Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce: <https://business.sheboygan.org/events/public-submission>
- Mental Health America in Sheboygan County reports an increased need for recovery resources currently. They are working on virtual stress management resources as well, including: virtual meeting spaces for individuals in leadership roles, recorded meditations and tool kits for workers as they shift change.

- Noting that grief support is needed. Families can not gather during these times. Rev. Paul D. Aparicio mentioned contacts of clergy members with CPE certification that includes supporting this need.

**ACTION STEPS:**

- 1) **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** They will be following up with nonprofit agencies to clean up and update the list of users with access to the Event Planning Google Calendar.  
(Sign up link: <https://forms.gle/pC66ixg9kAuKR5rJ6>)
- 2) **Mental Health America and Rev. Paul D. Aparicio:** They will connect on grief support.

### COVID-19 Relief Fund

- Phase one of funding continues.
- The Fund Distribution Team will circle back and review the applications for organizations which did not receive their full fund request, if there are additional funds available moving forward, while still being cognizant of applications that are still coming in.
- Questions should be directed to [Gina](#) and/or [Emily](#) at United Way.

### Upcoming Event Updates/Other Notes

- Watch MHA's Facebook for LIVE mindful moments on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:15p.
- Kohler Foundation update: If a nonprofit has applied for the Kohler Foundation's spring funding grant cycle, Laura shared that they are currently reviewing those applications and encouraged nonprofits who have already applied to reach out to her if there are any updates to your recent/current requests due to COVID-19. Foundation is looking to pivot and meet immediate needs.

### Questions?

- **Nonprofit Response Network** | Kate Baer ([kate@uwofsc.org](mailto:kate@uwofsc.org))
- **Relief Fund Applications** | Gina Covelli ([gina@uwofsc.org](mailto:gina@uwofsc.org))
- **Relief Fund Contributions** | Emily Kaiser ([emily@uwofsc.org](mailto:emily@uwofsc.org))
- **Community Resource Marketing & Outreach** | Katelyn Piper ([katelyn@uwofsc.org](mailto:katelyn@uwofsc.org))
- **Volunteer Opportunities** | Lee Anne Raleigh ([leeanne@uwofsc.org](mailto:leeanne@uwofsc.org))

For immediate questions regarding COVID-19, contact our local public health department at 920-459-0321.