

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

Summary of 6/9/20 virtual meeting

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network Meetings will move to twice a month, held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, with the next meeting being held on Tuesday, June 23rd.

For a copy of the standing agenda, [Click here](#).

Nonprofit Response Network has moved to a standing agenda. If you have agenda items, please let us know and you will be called upon during the meeting to share, 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/.

Volunteerism

- Continue to utilize the COVID-19 area on the website for volunteers and wish list items.
 - UWSC looking into wish list items remaining a part of the Volunteer Center after COVID-19 section is removed.
- The Sheboygan Sun has begun posting virtual as well as in-person volunteer opportunities. Now is the time to update or post your in-person volunteer opportunities so they can be added to the newspaper.
- Volunteers are starting to look for in-person opportunities, so post all volunteer opportunities that comply with [Sheboygan County Safe Restart Recommendations](#). Please make sure to include the additional procedures in place for in-person volunteer opportunities.

Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

Checkback:

- **Landlord Tips:** Oshkosh United Way shared a [flyer](#) with resources on Tips for Landlords and Tips for Tenants.
 - Ruth (Lakeshore CAP) spoke with Chad Pelishek, at the city, and he stated they typically do not provide guidance as it can be considered legal advice. He will be sending Ruth a lawyer's contact information that may be willing to provide guidance.
 - Katelyn (UWSC) connecting with Jocelyn's brother-in-law in Milwaukee.
 - [Click here for Landlord/Tenant Guide and Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Documents](#)

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) Check back on possible legal advice for landlords/tenants.

Open Discussion Regarding New Needs/Resources for Clients

Updates:

- **Emergency Food and Shelter Program:** Additional funding is available this year due to COVID-19 and will have 2 phases – first for CARES and second typical phase with total of \$43,000 to be given out in Sheboygan County this year. Money can be used for food, shelter or rent assistance.

- Funding criteria: Program funds are used to provide the following, as determined by the Local Board in funded jurisdictions: food, in the form of served meals or groceries, lodging in a mass shelter or hotel, one month's rent or mortgage payment, one month's utility bill, equipment necessary to feed or shelter people, up to a \$300 limit per item.
- **Feminine Hygiene:** Emily at RAYS has acquired different types of hygiene products. Goal of providing 200 girls with 4 months of feminine hygiene products (approximately 50,000 products). Will need volunteers to sort items to prepare them to be handed out at school meal sites. Gina to schedule a meeting with the sub-committee.
- **Storm Damage:** Habitat for Humanity received an influx of calls due to storms and they do not have funding available at this time for housing repairs. Red Cross may be able to help with limited financial assistance for families in need due to storm damage.
- **Childcare:** Family Connections meeting with Dept. of Children and Families and Childcare Resource and Referral to share childcare needs from COVID-19 and discuss what childcare centers need to do to safely reopen. Truckload of diapers and wipes delivered to the Diaper Bank, with an additional donation possibly coming.
- **Salvation Army:** Free legal consultations re-starting and will be held over the phone. [Click here for more information.](#) Laundry of Love Vouchers now available: [Click here for more information.](#)
- **Farmers Market:** Double your bucks available again this year for anyone with Food Share. Hours changed to 9a-1p on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- **Lakeshore CAP:** WRAP funds available [Click here for more information/application](#)

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) Gina (UWSC) to reconnect the feminine hygiene subgroup to discuss distribution.

Open Discussion Regarding Needs for Agencies & Staffing

Checkbacks:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

- Group is looking to have another space to continue to grow and learn more in regards to diversity, equity, and inclusion outside of the COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network. Smaller planning group of nonprofit leaders will be meeting and anyone who showed interest in the broader conversation will be updated after the group convenes.
- **Additional Resources:**
 - [Anti-Racism Resources](#)
 - [Equity and Inclusion Action Guide](#)
 - [Anti-Racist Organizational Change: Resources & Tools for Nonprofits](#)

Updates:

- **Conversation with the Mayor on June 13th.** Link for Facebook page with Conversation information: [Click here for the Facebook page with more information.](#) On the Facebook page, there is the ability to type in questions to ask the Mayor.
- **Relief Fund Update:** Applications are still being accepted until June 30th. [\(Click here to download the updated application.\)](#)
 - Any applications received before June 30th that addresses immediate needs will be reviewed by the Fund Distribution Team within 48 hours. If the application is not time sensitive it will be held until June 30th to be reviewed collectively. There is no need to specify if the request is for phase 1 or phase 2 as the Fund Distribution Team will review all applications and make determinations based on the need. There are

additional questions on the attached application, looking for a few more specifics than the prior application. There is no minimum or maximum word length for responses. Concise, yet specific information regarding the need and how the funds will be used, is helpful for the Fund Distribution Team when evaluating applications. The request for your budget breakdown is specific to the monies you are requesting in the grant. The average range of prior grants awarded is between \$2,000-\$15,000.

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) UWSC will help facilitate a small planning group around diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- 2) **Reminder:**
 - a. As you plan your events, fill this form out for access to a shared Google Calendar: <https://forms.gle/pC66ixg9kAuKR5rJ6>.
 - b. As your events are finalized, post event details on Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce: <https://business.sheboygan.org/events/public-submission>

Upcoming Event Updates/Other Notes

- **PATH Golf Day** fundraiser on June 19th. ([Click here for event details.](#))
- **Virtual Parent Café** June 17th – For registration information, please contact Terri Schultz at (920) 457-1999 or terris@familyconnectionscc.org. [Click here for the flyer.](#)
- **FireFest:** Road America will be hosting fireworks on July 4th (Rain Date: July 5th) – Cost is \$20 per car and you must register in advance – Food Bank is one of nonprofit recipients. [Click here for event details](#)
- Food Bank chosen as the charity of the year for Sheboygan Service Club.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Restore open Wednesday-Friday 11a-5p Saturday 9a-4p Donations Wednesday- Saturday

Additional Resources:

- WEBINAR: Governing from the Future: Equipping Your Board for Leadership in Uncertain Times (6/24/20). [Click here for information.](#)
- Mindfulness and Resources for Healing and Preventing Racial Trauma. [Click here for the link.](#)

Questions?

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- **Volunteer Opportunities** | Lee Anne Raleigh (leeanne@uwofsc.org)

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