

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

Summary of 7/14/20 virtual meeting

COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network Meetings is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is July 28, 2020.

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/.

Lakeland Nonprofit Collaborative Funding Grant

- Fall round of funding for the Nonprofit Collaborative Funding Grant is now open. Agencies can apply to pay 0% to 30% of the student's wage and students can start at the end of summer or beginning of fall as the timeline is meant to meet nonprofit needs. Applying for the grant should only take 15 minutes and applications are open until July 24th. Application can be found at: www.Lakeland.edu/Nonprofit. Reach out to Kym Leibham with any questions at: LeibhamK@lakeland.edu.

Volunteerism

The Volunteer Center will continue to support nonprofit agencies with new efficiencies and the UWSC staff have already started planning for 2020 Day of Caring this fall with thoughtful consideration.

- Discussion around virtual volunteer ideas: some agencies have used volunteers for data management cleanup and graphic artists to do marketing and help create logos.

To connect with the Volunteer Center of Sheboygan County, please utilize the following contacts:

- Partner Agencies and/or Volunteer Center Network Members:
Gina Covelli, Director of Community Impact: Gina@uwofsc.org
- General Questions & Inquiries on Volunteering:
volunteer@uwofsc.org – Managed by Emily Kaiser, Director of Donor Engagement

Other updates:

- Volunteer Center website will be updating to include volunteer options for 'In-person' and 'Virtual' volunteer listings. The wish list will also remain to be active.
- Reminder: 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.
- Reminder: 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.

Open Discussion Regarding New Needs/Resources for Clients

Updates:

- **Housing:** A housing coalition meeting is scheduled for later this month, with a few additional agencies added to the conversation to get more collaboration in the community for the After Hours Program
- **Lakeshore CAP:** Over 400 applications have been received for WRAP and case managers are currently working on processing those applications. They still have funding to assist those in immediate risk of losing housing.
- **Housing for Sex Offenders:** Lakeshore CAP does not do a background check on anyone looking for housing and have worked with sex offenders and have successfully housed them, but there are a limited number of landlord who will house them. May have more luck finding housing in a more rural area. Salvation Army can take felons, as long as they do not have an active warrant but cannot take sex offenders because they house children.
- **Youth Agency Network (YAN):** Group is looking to keep youth engaged in pro-social events and serves mostly middle and high school students. Currently working on a scavenger hunt for youth in the community. YAN has a Facebook page that has just been created; like and follow: <https://www.facebook.com/Youth-Agency-Network-YAN-104110178035926/>.

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) None

Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Saturday, July 25th from 10:00am - 2:00pm BBBS is hosting a Pop-Up Donation Drive to benefit the Richardson Hospice Resale Store at the "old" BBBS location on Erie.
- **Feminine Hygiene Products:** Received funding for 200 additional feminine hygiene kits. Reach out to Emily Kunde (Emily.Kunde@lsswis.org) if you are able to help put kits together or helping distribute kits to youth (ages 10-21).

Point in Time Homeless Count: Next PIT Count is August 13th. Can sign up as groups with people you feel comfortable with and Lakeshore CAP will provide face masks and hand sanitizer. Shifts are: 4a-6a or 6p-8p. Depending on the number of volunteers they get, they will prioritize Sheboygan and Plymouth before the more rural areas. To sign up click here:

<https://forms.gle/UGUQhHRauUdKmgBt6>

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) Reach out to Emily Kunde (Emily.Kunde@lsswis.org) if you are able to help put kits together or helping distribute kits to youth (ages 10-21).
- 2) To sign up for the Point In Time homeless count click here: <https://forms.gle/UGUQhHRauUdKmgBt6>

Open Discussion Regarding Needs for Agencies & Staffing

Checkbacks:

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** Small planning group has met and will most likely fall under the larger county-wide DEIB group and serve as the social sector arm of the larger group. The intent is to involve the Nonprofit Network in DEI once the planning group has established some of the groundwork.
- **Relief Fund Update:** The application process is closed and all of the funds have been distributed.

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) UWSC will continue to report back from the 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

- **Nourish:** is hosting upcoming events, watch for information: www.facebook.com/nourishfarms/.
- **Summer Activity Package:** Remaining dates: 7/29, 8/12 and 8/26 For more information:
<https://thepositiveplace.com/summer-activity-package/>
- **Salvation Army Thrift Store:** Now open from 10a-4p with lots of great deals.
- **There is Hope:** Will be bringing hope to the streets with a virtual walk. For more information:
<https://mhasheboygan.org/there-is-hope>

Additional information:

- **Helen Bader Institute Survey:** The resulting report from their first survey provided important real-time data for government officials, foundations, and other decision-makers at the beginning of the outbreak. This second survey captures the current economic conditions facing organizations such as yours throughout Wisconsin, and looks to better understand the impact on the community your organization supports. To complete the survey click here: https://milwaukee.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aYqzrkbowSwcEB
- **Touchless Automatic Hand Sanitizing Stations with Sign Holders:** https://outreach.com/Products/Church-Displays-And-Banner-Stands/Touchless-Hand-Sanitizer-Station-with-Sign-Holder-60341.aspx?utm_campaign=OS-Rep-200623-Face-Mask-Sale&utm_content=Matthew%20Sisson&utm_source=OS-MATTHEWS&utm_medium=email&mpweb=256-8967227-742768574

Questions?

- **Nonprofit Response Network** | Kate Baer (kate@uwofsc.org)
- **Relief Fund Applications** | Gina Covelli (gina@uwofsc.org)
- **Relief Fund Contributions** | Emily Kaiser (emily@uwofsc.org)
- **Community Resource Marketing & Outreach** | Katelyn Piper (katelyn@uwofsc.org)
- **Volunteer Opportunities** | volunteer@uwofsc.org

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