

## COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network

*Summary of 4/21/20 virtual meeting*

**Announcement:** Teresa McAlpine and Kate Baer shared an exciting new partnership. Sheboygan Service Club (SSC) is joining UWSC to co-lead the Sheboygan County COVID-19 Relief Fund. Moving forward, SSC and UWSC will share the responsibilities of raising and distributing relief fund dollars.

**Reminder:** The process to apply for funds remains the same. Apply or re-apply for phase one (immediate needs) of funding as the Fund Distribution Team continues to review requests quickly. ([Click here for the application.](#))

### 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.
- Lee Anne will be checking in to see how wish list items are being fulfilled. Continue to reach out to her to add/update your wish list items.
- Reminder: Volunteer Center Network will be hosting a virtual meeting for volunteer coordinators to connect on April 22 at 9AM via [Zoom](#). Please share this resource opportunity with agencies you work with.

#### **ACTION STEPS:**

- 1) **United Way** will share out notes from the VCN 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.

### Community Resource Share/Collaborative Efforts

- MHA's COVID-19 Community Resource Card has been printed in Spanish now. If you are unable to print your own, contact MHA at [info@mhasheboygan.org](mailto:info@mhasheboygan.org) with a printing request (include quantity and if you would like any Spanish or Hmong versions).
- UWSC plans to utilize [www.sheboygancountystrong.com](http://www.sheboygancountystrong.com) as the originally discussed "community website" for COVID-19 resources.
- Reminder: Sheboygan County Strong campaign started with billboards throughout the county directing people to [SheboyganCountyStrong.com](http://SheboyganCountyStrong.com), which is a landing page on United Way's website for how to get help, give help, community updates and the COVID-19 Nonprofit Response Network. Please continue to share out the website and use the #SheboyganCountyStrong.
- Please continue sending updates for UWSC's [COVID-19 Community Resource page](#).

#### **ACTION STEPS:**

- 1) **Nonprofit agencies:**
  - a. Share out the SheboyganCountyStrong website and hashtag.
  - 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

- **Check-in: minority/immigrant support.**

- *Reminder of links:*

Xenophobia Resource Links:

- <https://www.caeny.org/onlineworkshops>: Offers a free 2-hour upstander training and workshop every Thursday (Responding to Xenophobia During the Spread of Corona Virus).

Articles and other Listening Opportunities:

- <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/02/811363404/when-xenophobia-spreads-like-a-virus> (25 minute listen)
- <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/09/813700167/as-coronavirus-spreads-racism-and-xenophobia-are-too>
- <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/27/822187627/new-site-collects-reports-of-anti-asian-american-sentiment-amid-coronavirus-pand>

Immigrant Resources:

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services; suspending services through May 3  
<https://www.uscis.gov/about-us/uscis-response-covid-19>
- Identifies benefits available; and benefits that are safe to utilize –  
<https://www.coveringwi.org/immigration>

Articles and other Listening Opportunities:

- <https://www.nilc.org/issues/health-care/update-on-access-to-health-care-for-immigrants-and-their-families/>
- <https://www.wpr.org/advocates-raise-alarm-about-migrant-worker-safety-amid-covid-19>
- [https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/15/wisconsin-governor-orders-employers-protect-migrant-workers-coronavirus-tony-evers-farm-labor-covid/5139134002/?fbclid=IwAR1I4VbUq7FNcyeYqpWkq1yZnyJzYKvLUb1ply\\_NPLVb2wHa\\_2QhM\\_xto](https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/04/15/wisconsin-governor-orders-employers-protect-migrant-workers-coronavirus-tony-evers-farm-labor-covid/5139134002/?fbclid=IwAR1I4VbUq7FNcyeYqpWkq1yZnyJzYKvLUb1ply_NPLVb2wHa_2QhM_xto)

In General – Great Tools and Resource: <https://www.racialequitytools.org/fundamentals/resource-lists/resources-addressing-covid-19-with-racial-equity-lens>

- **Check-in: Grief Support**

- LOVE INC reached out to 40 churches, so far there are 6 pastors (representing 4 denominations) that will take calls for grief support. Call into LOVE INC's call center (920-783-6701 and press option 2) and they will align the client with a pastor.
- Salvation Army's Emotional & Spiritual Care Line also available 9AM-9PM 7 days a week at 1-888-651-7294.

- **General Discussion of client needs:**

**Housing**

- Colleen (Lakeshore CAP) reported that they have additional assistance for those with lost income due to COVID-19, but have yet to receive any applications for those circumstances. They are still waiting on additional funding from the government.
- Erin (Lakeshore Community Health Care) following up with homeless shelter.
  - Adrianna (Salvation Army) there are rooms available. They do have quarantine rooms. They are currently limiting their intake to 40 (down from 45).
  - Updates from Sheboygan Housing Coalition. (An afterhours shelter plan is being discussed.)

### Food/Hygiene

- Pam (LOVE INC) reported 4 churches that are able to deliver the food bank boxes. (Locations include: Gibberville 'Goffers', Plymouth, Sheboygan Falls, and Sheboygan)
- Andrea (LSS – Rays program) has increased their youth food and hygiene pantry (accessible to all youth under 18 in the county). They are also able to do some home delivery. They collect information ahead of time to include feminine hygiene products if needed. They can do a box for each child.
- Patrick (Sheboygan County Food Bank) With funding from relief fund, they are putting two hygiene items per food box. (Note: they are looking into requests for feminine products for future specific boxes.)
- Salvation Army also provides hygiene products and have them currently in stock.
- Hygiene Discussion, to those not on the call – reach out to Katelyn Piper or Patrick for information on collaborated efforts to share hygiene products.
  - Possible Curt Joa Ask?

### Childcare

- Matricia (Family Connection) reported 18 child care providers open right now for essential workers. Normally there are 50-60 providers open in the community. [4.7.20 Sheboygan County Child Care Provider Openings list](https://www.familyconnectionscc.org/child-care-providers)

### Additional Discussion

- Matricia (Family Connections) has 2 private offices and 2 larger rooms, with a separate entrance available for anyone who may need it. Reach out to Matricia at [matriciap@familyconnectionscc.org](mailto:matriciap@familyconnectionscc.org) if you are interested.
- Lisa (ADRC) referenced stimulus check resources: IRS.gov site (<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>).
- Tom (Red Cross) shared VITA programs that are available:
  - <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers>
  - <https://www.irs.gov/taxpayer-advocate>
- Resource: FREE WIFI from various libraries (Sheboygan Falls and Meade) plus LTC and Spectrum resources.
  - "Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households. " <https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>

### Questions Raised During Open Discussion

- Question: Wisconsin unemployment distribution, how is that going?
- Question: Is CCCS a support for unemployment resources when clients don't have access to a computer? (UWSC to reach out)
- Question: Forecasting food boxes, does anyone know updated numbers for the state's unemployment numbers?  
[https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/wisconomy/wits\\_info/downloads/Publications/PressRelease/state.pdf](https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/wisconomy/wits_info/downloads/Publications/PressRelease/state.pdf)  
<https://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-unemployment-projected-be-27-percent-amid-efforts-slow-covid-19>

### ACTION STEPS:

- UWSC will reach out to those interested in coordinated efforts for hygiene product distribution.
- UWSC will reach out to Job Center and SCEDC for unemployment rates.
- UWSC will reach out to CCCS to see if they can support community members that need assistance with accessing/applying for unemployment and/or stimulus checks who don't have access to a computer.
- UWSC will share update from Sheboygan Housing Coalition meeting (which occurred at the same time as this meeting).

- **Lakeshore CAP** will send marketing materials for their rental assistance needed due to COVID-19. Watch for their social media post for sharing.
- **Nonprofit agencies:** Reach out to [Kate Baer](#) for additional topics that you would like to be discussed in this area.

## Open Discussion – Agency/Staffing Needs

- Send [Kate Baer](#) professional development and training topics you would like UWSC to explore and share with this group.
- UWSC plans to reach out to agencies that might not be open to the public currently to see what needs they have at this time.
- Mental Health America in Sheboygan County is developing a wellness circle for debriefing. They are currently working with Kohler and looking to expand. Reach out to Julie if you are interested in the Wellness Circle- [Julie@mhasheboygan.org](mailto:Julie@mhasheboygan.org).
  - Resource: <https://compassionresiliencetoolkit.org/>
  - Jessica (HHS) Debriefing groups have been created with HHS as well.
- Rachel (MHA) National Fitness Day is coming up on May 20! Watch for toolkit!
- Reminder: SaintA is hosting a virtual gathering about compassion curve in our communities. The session will focus on supporting those in a helping role (healthcare, mental health, human services, child welfare, and community based supports). There is no cost to attend but they ask people to register. [To register for the May 14<sup>th</sup> event click here](#)

### ACTION STEPS:

- 1) **Nonprofit agencies:** reach out to [Kate Baer](#) for additional professional development & training topics for your staff and teams as well as any additional topics that you would like discussed
- 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

- (MHA) May is Mental Health Awareness Month. <https://mhanational.org/mental-health-month>
- (Family Connections) Online training for strengthening families with Family Connections.
- (Family Connections) CPC is working on online training for Parent Café (pilot next month). Looking to start up in June.
- (ADRC) First virtual call for caregivers group. Caregiver connect is through zoom meeting now. Call specialists still open/available. Alzheimers Association is now virtual as well.
- Badger Bounce Back – Order 31 was announced for preparing to slowly get back to normalcy when the time comes.
- WI Council Services (Paul – LOVE INC Grace Church) is putting together best practices for opening guidelines for churches. Add this as a resource share at future calls.
- Spirit Awards will be virtual in May! Watch for details in the next few weeks.
- Thank you to Tricia Erpelding for wrapping up the meeting with a Mindful Moment.

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## Questions?

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- **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.