

Healthy Community Coalition

4-2-20 Meeting Notes

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 4/ 9 at 11am by ZOOM (meetings are now **weekly**)

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Today's Topic:

- Community Provider updates: What is your org's greatest need? What is the greatest need you are seeing around you?
- Update from Emily regarding Love Snoqualmie Valley Resource website

SUMMARY

PROVIDER UPDATES

Love Snoqualmie Valley and Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Church (Emily)

- The Love Snoqualmie Valley website's role is the bridge the gap between those who wanted to provide help and those in our community who need it
- Best part of the website is the Resource Page- resources are specific to the Valley and resources that are becoming available during the COVID-19 virus.
- <https://www.lovesnoqualmievalley.com/>

Influence the Choice (Jerry)

- Greatest need is not being able to engage with our community
- We are working to stay connected with our community to give folks a sense of normalcy so that people feel calm
- We are altering the community engagement to virtual engagement
- <https://www.influencethechoice.org/>

SVCN Youth Resilience and Community Resource Coordinator (Sarah)

- Continuing to support families in SV School District. Working with school counselors who are starting their outreach to families
- Working on eviction protections for families in camp grounds and hotels – submitting guidance request to governor's office
- We were able to help one family with income instability living in a motel in NB through Love Snoqualmie Valley – family received a motel voucher and a gift card
- Another family is not able to access the food bank, they have food (canned and other non-perishables) that is not meeting their needs – Question – can the food be donated back so it does not go to waste? Nikki Lloyd replied, Yes!

SVCN Youth Resilience and Community Resource Coordinator for RVSD (Maren)

- Not hearing from enough families – maybe they are isolated and not reaching out. I am concerned about the silence. Are they at home healing or do they need help and are not reaching out for some reason.
- We might have some youth who are struggling with isolation and some finding it healing
- May need better connection with youth and the families in the Lower Valley – I will be working with the counselors to hear what they are seeing and hearing from their families. Will also connect with school admin.
- Also, where is this information about kids being held? Is it being shared?
- <https://snoqualmievalleycommunitynetwork.org/>

Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank (Nikki)

- Greatest need is food and basic human needs. We could also use volunteers
- NW Harvest said there will be a food shortage starting April 10th
- We have some food saved. Soon we will be down to beans and peanut butter
- NW Harvest is taking a pause on food distribution to get their systems in order.
- Our need is partially a supply issue
- <https://www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org/>

King County Library System (Jenn and Denise)

- As the Children's librarian – we are working on how to address the summer learning gap. Has now turned into the COVID-19 learning gap and how we best support our patrons. Children are not able to get the same educational opportunities with the libraries closed.
- All libraries have kept their WiFi on so people can use it – can sit in the parking lot and access WiFi

- We can use social media to get messages out. Just connect with Denise Denise Bugallo: dbugallo@kcls.org
- <https://kcls.org/location/duvall-news/>

Council Member 3rd District (Kathy Lambert)

- Department of Agriculture said the opposite of NW Harvest – Kathy will look into that and find out what the difference is
- Many future city gatherings are being canceled such as: Seafair, NW Festival. There is talk about planning a spontaneous gathering for the Fall 2020
- People, including government officials are overloaded
- Concerns about what the media is saying – some of which are scaring people, such as hospitals are overloaded – this is not true. We are undersupplied with personal protection equipment
- We are concerned with mental health and domestic violence issues. We have not had any reports of DV issues yet, but we do know it will be something we will have to consider.
- Scavenger Hunt – what are some things people can do so there is not so much time focusing on this issue or their circumstances?

Communications Director for King County Council Member Kathy Lambert (Lane)

- Listening in today
- <https://kingcounty.gov/council/lambert.aspx>

Encompass North West (Sam)

- Pediatric therapy – we are trying to pediatric therapy and developmental evaluations and it is not easy and it is not the same – there is nothing to be done about that
- Family support specialists are busier than normal – most of the families are on the lower income side
- <https://www.encompassnw.org/>

Carnation Hopelink (M'Liss)

- No updates
- <https://www.hopelink.org/location/sno-valley-food-bank-and-emergency-services>

Holy Innocents and Duvall Food Bank (Carrie)

- Food availability is most critical and we could use some volunteers; we don't want to bring in too many volunteers b/c we want to keep everyone healthy
- We order from Costco. We do not have storage so we have to buy every week.
- Had to lessen what we give out.
- People can email their needs; we try to respond as much as possible. Clients can fill out a form and we try to fill it best we can.
- <https://www.holyinn.org/>

Mount Si HS (Erica – Social Worker)

- Families need food – increasing need in food b/c people are not working
- Housing instability – cannot pay and helping people navigate that – not aware of the programs that are out there. Landlords are not staying with in the tenant protected laws
- <https://www.svsd410.org/mshs>

Mamma's Hands (Kimberly)

- No critical needs
- We do have an opening to serve a family from the Sno Valley who is experiencing housing instability – we do have an opening for that family

- Conduct intake process and the family would be asked to self-isolate in house on the property for 14 days and then let into the housing
- We have a bus to assist with deliveries from food banks or bring school lunches (reach out to Kimberly@mammashands.org)
- <https://mammashands.org/>

Hopelink (Anna)

- Our clients are needing support with obtaining over the counter meds, cleaning supplies, hygiene products and TP
- Families are having difficulty being able to work due to lack of childcare that accepts state subsidy
- People are having difficulty with having reliable Wifi for children to use for online schooling
- <https://www.hopelink.org/location/sno-valley-food-bank-and-emergency-services>

Final Comments

Snoqualmie Valley Community Network

- Individually packaged food – lacking
- We are doing 205 packs per weekend
- We will be sending out the Get Help form. We do not think we are hearing from everyone.

Kathy Lambert

- Refer to Small Business Association <https://www.sba.gov/> for assistance
- Videos on how to make out the forms

Emily

- Make sure we are working together the best we can
- Major goal to be the bridge and get these resources out there so we can share with our clients
- We are launching a program this week to build energy around that
- We are seeing a need to share resources around benevolence
- Helping hands has stepped up to share hotline- when we have a critical need it will all going through Helping Hands <https://helpsnvalley.org/>
- Food and transportation program – 15 food banks across the Valley – some families in critical need who are unable to access the Food Banks – Love Snoqualmie Valley will activate the switchboard to help with this
- We need volunteers to take on critical roles (consistent) – this role will Okay the request, check the food banks, send info out to Sno Valley Transportation daily – this is for families who are in critical need
- Back Pack program is starting Monday 4/6 /Senior Center in the Upper Valley – we need volunteers to help with these in the coming weeks.
- We are hoping to have a map of all the food banks across the Valley with hours of operation

Need for Love Snoqualmie Valley

- We will need people to fill volunteer roles but having a certain level of knowledge about our community would be best – one person to champion this project and help to multiply those roles – any willing person who knows our community would be a great volunteer
- Lisa Hart and Maren Van Nostrand – can help with this