Statewide Central Navigation Call
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Chat Box:

* Introduce yourself
* Questions/Answers throughout the call

Agenda:

* DHHS Updates – Emily Kluver, DHHS
	+ Reminder that there will be an additional emergency supplement for SNAP recipients on July 7th.
	+ Nebraska does intend to go forward with Pandemic EBT. Awaiting details. Potential impact is 70,000 children, this will aim to provide food assistance to students that qualify for free and reduced lunches. Intended to replace loss of food from school closures.
	+ Access Nebraska has assistance for crisis energy assistance if there are families that are needing help with utilities. There is also a program called Emergency Assistance if families are facing eviction notices due to inability to pay rent.

* Busting Barriers Conversation - Enhancing Food Security – Zach Nelson, Republic Insights
	+ Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pc--vrTstGN3oH8O3kBJ1TTNWWIEnK5gV>
	+ Will be hosting Busting Barriers Conversation on Wednesday June 24th. If there are specific topics that anyone would like to be addressed on the call please reach out to Zach.

* Ride United – Matt Wallen and Pam Scwalb, United Way
	+ United Way launched out to Nebraska recently. Provides delivery of food and essential good for those that are unable to get them themselves. Does not necessarily provide the funds to purchase food and goods but meets the need for delivery and transportation of those items. It is free of cost. Committed to a minimum of 250 deliveries a week.
		- Presentation shared with further information.
		- Can assist individuals such as COVID positive individuals that can not go out to get goods themselves.
		- Works as an intermediary between local community partners and DoorDash.
		- UWM/NE211 would partner with agencies, food collaboratives, etc. and coordinates pick-ups and drop offs.
		- UWM submits information to DoorDash database Routes to assign and determine “Dashers” routes. DoorDash committed in-kind contributions of paying regular rate for those “Dashers”.
		- Looking to kick off July 6th and run for 16 weeks until October 23. May increase in length of time and amount of deliveries if funding allows and need is shown.
		- Need help from community partners:
			* Provide address information and phone numbers for pick up and drop off locations. Complete UWM document.
			* Deadline is Wednesday’s for following week deliveries.
			* Feedback and ideas.
			* Share notable experiences.
			* Patience.
		- Selecting clients is crucial to work with clients to gather all the correct information so DoorDash can service many with little coordination from CWM.
		- Products are delivered while adhering to health guidelines.
		- Questions:
			* Opportunity to partner with other delivery entities where DoorDash is unavailable? Looking at piloting in the near future to work with other partners such as Meals on Wheels where DoorDash is not accessible.
			* How do foresee the 10-mile limitation being worked out for rural areas, where the pick-up location could be 10-25 miles or more from the pickup location? At this point they are limiting the service to 10 miles from food source.
		- If interested in partnering, or if you have an idea of an organization that could partner, please connect with Pam.
			* Contact information: Pam Schwalb: pschwalb@uwmidlands.org or call 402.990.7409
		- 211 Turnaround: Regarding 211 turn-around assistance: due to increased volume the past couple of months, we take applications every other week process in the alternating months. Then Dollar Energy / EAP / Goodfellows cut checks. Typically, landloard or utility companies are made aware that we are processing application so that eviction or service turn-off doesn't occur while in-process.

* Prioritizing Needs of Immigrant Populations – Kristin Williams, Sherwood Foundation
	+ If you are seeing anything in the community that undocumented families are facing please connect with Kristin.
	+ Lending Link organization was developed to assist families with a much better alternative than pay day loans. Private dollars are utilized to provide this service. Undocumented families were unable to receive stipends and philanthropic organizations were concerned about the effects of COVID for these families. Have developed a stipend to assist these families through a simple and rapid response process. There is a waitlist at this point in time. Group is reflecting on further needs for these families. Community Response and CWB communities have made a tremendous impact and is highly regarded by these organizations.
	+ Questions on health bills undocumented families are facing and how to help them. There is some work on developing rental assistance fund that could help families reallocate their funds to paying their medical bills.

* CARES Act Funding Opportunities – Jenny Skala, NCFF
	+ $7.8 billions were part of the funds that were allocated towards COVID Relief funds. The $85 million to Nebraska. $20 million of those funds will be allocated toward CWB communities to address those needs identified in the playbooks. Applications will be out soon. Encouraging communities to prioritize requests in applications as stated in playbooks. More will be shared asap including “road map” on funding guidelines and requirements.
		- <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19-Federal-Supplemental-Appropriations.pdf>
		- Collaborative can decide on how funds would flow in their community, that could look differently depending on community. This includes who receives and applies for funding to meet certain needs.
		- If an organization requires masks to be worn, they can still apply for funds. The governor’s decision was aimed at counties, cities, and utility districts.
		- https://www.omaha.com/news/state\_and\_regional/ricketts-tells-local-governments-they-wont-get-federal-covid-19-money-if-they-require-masks/article\_d15459b9-26df-527e-9899-9f579a3d8597.html

* Task Force Opportunities – Please share any needs you have for translation
	+ Please email Jenny with any specific needs you have seen.
	+ Taskforce meets:
		- https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84554511148
		- Today at 3:30 pm

* Community Dialogue
	+ Open time to share:
		- Something in your community you are excited about or is giving you hope
		- What do you want to connect with other coordinators or other stakeholders on to help you solve an issue in your community?
		- Something you have questions about
		- Agenda items you would like to see on future calls
		- Etc……
	+ Follow up topics: Housing for undocumented families where their landlord requires cash payments only. Possible resource/suggestions: Angel Fund, paying for other bills in order to alleviate their financial burden so they can allocate some funds towards rent. Concerns for possible exploitation when those landlords are being unscrupulous.
	+ Requests for assistance in providing masks for organizations for staff and clients as reopening continues. Looking potential funds that can be utilized to purchase masks. One resource shared is Nebraska Hands and Feet on Facebook. Another is Masks have been donated for National VOAD and State VOAD nonprofit member organization staff & volunteer operations. The face coverings provided are 100% cotton and contain silver and copper, which help prevent the growth of viruses and germs. They are washable up to 15 times. Adult one-size fits all. Not to be sold. The minimum request is 1 carton (500 masks). If you are interested in receiving masks for use by your organization, please complete this brief form: <https://forms.gle/XZaNQgNZo6ozevF96>
	+ Yesterday, the Douglas County Board of Health declared racism a public health crisis. This is significant because it has implications for resource allocation. https://www.omaha.com/news/local/douglas-county-health-board-declares-racism-a-public-health-crisis/article\_9a8fde0f-ce18-5d80-a76b-5daac994ad88.html#4
	+ Families Together Program to assist families when they need respite care. For example, where parents become COVID positive and cannot care for their children.

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Next Call: Thursday, June 25, 2020  10am