

Allied Partners Meeting August 17, 2021

Attending: Sue Timmerman, Rhea Schultz , Carmella Harris, Deb Annen, Alice Howard, Wynn Davies, Karen Stevens, Jacqueline Stevenson, Gloria Farr, Ruth Hein, Sue Hoffenberg, Janice Ferguson, Carol Rushmore (Allied Food Pantry)

Joining Forces for Families: Ryan Estrella (JFF Social Worker) submitted report that was sent out to mailing list in advance of meeting.:

Scholarship Committee - Sue Timmerman still serves on committee and Ryan wants to take a more advisory role. Rhea was supposed to hold meeting of subcommittee but was not able to arrange; Carmella inquires about availability of scholarship for someone she knows; Carmella will send Sue Timmerman information. Carmella reports that recent recipient -Teeasia Hoy - says her school never received her scholarship; Ryan and Sue T. indicated that money was sent out but may have gone to wrong address; Jacky Stevens received her scholarship

Treasurer's Report Summarized: Full report and other materials sent out in advance; eviction prevention used in 3 cases; amount of support has increased to about \$500; balance of \$9,956. Some question from Ryan's report about future of eviction support as many applicants have finally received money from Tenant Resource Center; Special Projects fund had no use in July; Wellness Center received a \$100 donation; April check from JustDane (#3303) to Allied Wellness Center not deposited. Molly will check again.

Janice Ferguson reporting on Allied Fresh program of the Wellness Center:

Allied Fresh (letter sent to Rhea) report; since May 14 start has made a total of 1674 food deliveries; 160 households served now per week; hope to continue through June 2022; also delivering basic needs supplies from city grant once a month; partners in food delivery (The Grow program, 2nd Harvest) are discussing need for volunteers since students going back to school; partners are looking at changing delivery date to afternoon on Thurs. or Fri.; student volunteers are very much needed and a Spanish speaking volunteer is also more available in aft.; MMSD lunch boxes have ended as school will resume; unsure whether MMSD will resume deliveries for students who are remote; looking at what new directions for Community Health Workers; CHWers and ReachDane are partnering with Black Latina Chamber of Commerce; they are sending out educational flyers about covid and clinics; a clinic will be held every 3 weeks; 50% of Allied population is still not vaccinated; recent meeting re: Delta variant; mask for Allied Fresh work; clinic next 8/26 at Red Arrow building from 4-7; last two clinics 21 people vaccinated; offered free meal from local Mexican restaurant as incentive; used wait times during clinics to gather information; some CHWers are doing individual work with people in neighborhood with initial assessment and note taking; CABG partner also.

Rhea asks whether more volunteers are still needed? Letter has been drafted from Allied Partners asking for support and volunteers to congregations. Janice says they are careful to orienting volunteers to show respect and accept need for masking. Volunteers need to have sensitivity to community; Wynn has volunteered and brought volunteers.

Alice Howard asks about booster shots availability. Janice doesn't know of 3rd shot at this point. CDC likely to recommend 3rd shot for immune suppressed and then for persons who received shot more that 6 most. ago.

Gloria Farr (Staff) not present to report on other activities of AWC.

Neighborhood Association and Coop Neighborhood Hub Project:

Alice Howard reports that Coop is at a critical point in negotiations with City of Madison around Neighborhood Hub; the City willing to build structure; Hub proponents are not giving up and want people to continue to show support; Allied Neighborhood Ass. and Coop are still building capacity; hard time with covid; Matt (city) looking for commitment from potential tenants; Rhea says AP certainly willing to meet there; JFF might be tenant and AWC as well; Project Respect possible; Library willing to provide wifi(?); Coop is looking for barber shop/beauty shop to use space; first floor of building identified for office space and apartments above. Next meeting Rhea asks? - Coop Board meeting needed to see commitment (Alice also Pres. of Coop) says Alice;

Allied Partners Chair: Rhea Schultz is ending her year as Chair with August meeting. Thanks for Rhea for a conscientious job! Eileen Dresser has agreed to resume leadership of AP, Rhea says we want to continue to hear about progress,

Allied Food Pantry: Carol Rushmore - Allied Food Pantry. Working with Allied Fresh and using left over fresh produce from Allied Fresh. Numbers increasing to 15 household/wk. They are open 10-12 on Wed. and 6-7:30 Wednesday. Pantry is distributing neighborhood newsletter - will be quarterly. Molly says she found translator who would handle for \$80. AP might help to cover expense. Rhea will distribute to mailing list; Alice looking for reliable distributor in neighborhood and Janice says they can be delivered with food on Friday morning. Alice says she and Sandi can get printed on home computers; Alice has 60 printed that Janice can send out with food deliveries;

Carmella Harris/Community Agency Bridging the Gap

Every Wed. WalkieTalkies waling group meets at noon; 24 people had signed up for group and 7-9 come regularly; GROC (grandparent support program) meets at noon at community center with 5-6 attending; speakers from Kinship Care and Rainbow; in recent past 36 people served by CABG including support around suicide; a total of 187 year to date served), Commonwealth had provided help but has decreased funding; now 4 people working with Carmella and some coverage from witness protection; Legacy of Love (5th yr) will take place 8/27 at Allied Park as a day of remembrance for those who have died in past year (\$200 budget to buy balloons), Carmella reports increased violence (4 shootings in past week). She reports that Rhea has donated her used car to CABG. Asks for support from AP for balloons and t-shirts for Walky Talkies when they participate in walks; \$257 (\$21 per shirt) for 12 t-shirts; Ruth Hein has environmental concerns about balloons; Deb Annen says you can order butterflies to release which is better than mylar balloons; Wynn says what about flower alternative - Wynn proposes \$550 from Special Projects Deb 2nd for Walky Talkies and Legacy; Ruth Hein volunteers to help.

Announcement:

Sue Hoffenberg: Sina Davis Movies in Park screening Jumanji on Thursday.

October needs donation to Essentials Pantry