



Better Brodhead Coalition Meeting  
December 15, 2020  
5:15

Summary

Attendance: Sgt. Jay Williams, Rock County Sheriff's Dept; Bridget Craker, Green County Public Health Educator; Julie Taylor, UW Educator; Katie Weber, Truancy Officer Green County; Hannah McMunn, UW Extension Educator; Peder Johanson, Pastor Bethlehem Lutheran; Sabrina Meichtry, Parent/counselor; Jen Wichita, Educator Brodhead HS; Stephanie Plnow, Chair of Kid Connection; Chief Chris Hughes, Brodhead PD, Megan Altfillisch, staff, Kathy Comeau, staff

**Abbreviated Consent Agenda:** Budget/Match, Staff Report, Previous meeting summary

- SWCAP: Closing out SAMHSA DFC funding draw down/opening CDC DFC funding Year 6. Kathy reviewed the transfer of the DFC program from SAMHSA to CDC and the need to close out the SAMHSA account. SWCAP, our fiscal agent has been managing the close out funds. Due to the pandemic, we had a carry over of approximately \$20,000.

- General Funds \$3554.32

- Do we want to spend \$1150 on facemasks for the community?

Stephanie led a discussion on whether we should purchase face masks. Bridget providing public health guidance on the need to continue to wear masks and it would be some time before everyone was vaccinated. It was agreed that this item would be tabled and Stephanie would get a break down on quantity and costs and lead time for production. We also need a plan for distribution. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

- STOP: \$37, 538. The STOP Act grant funds the LGBTQ+ project and it's grant year runs from May through April.
- Match \$110,752 required. So far we have accumulated \$14,248 worth of match.
- Staff Report: The majority of activities included 31 meetings, 22 instances of creating and publishing media, and 3 presentations. The strategies used were primarily providing information, providing support, and enhancing skills.

Jen motioned to accept the abbreviated consent agenda items. Peder seconded the motion.

**Y2Y update**

Jen gave an update on Y2Y activities. Better Brodhead purchased a subscription to Minecraft for them. This provides a virtual room that students can go to play and socialize. They can see each other's avatar but if they want to talk, they have to do that through their own discord channels. They plan to share this with the LGBTQ+ group. This will provide a way for provide virtual youth activities.

The Y2Y group has also been working hard to develop an Adopt a Freshman program that they are calling SMILES, which stands for Support, Mentoring, Initiative for Lasting Engagement of Students. The Y2Y students will be giving presentations to the freshman and providing them with goody bags that contain cards with information about a mentor for the student. The freshman will be encouraged to respond to the mentor and join SMILES. They will have classroom activities such as reading club, trivia, Jackbox virtual games. The Y2Y leaders have created a sustainability plan for recruiting upper classmates to lead this initiative as members graduate.

Y2Y involvement has accumulated \$3100 in match for Better Brodhead so far.

**Narcan Training Update:** Megan said that 10 people attended the training and the training was very informative.

**LGBTQ+ activities:** Megan will be working with Peder to create a series of Podcasts that include ways of supporting LGBTQ+ youth. She has a number of individuals who have volunteered to share their experiences.

### **Upcoming events**

- Parents Night Out: January 6<sup>th</sup>. The focus of this event will be the recorded Hidden in Plain Sight, with two fathers discussing their reaction and parenting. Jen confirmed that her husband Sam will participate. Stephanie suggested RJ Logan. Peder will contact him to confirm his participation.
- Latina Leadership Summit- planning meeting is tomorrow
- Virtual wellness fair- a discussion about holding a virtual fair with a schedule of speakers presenting for 5-10 minutes each . Julie, Peder, Hannah and Bridget agreed to help plan this for March.

### **The Wheel of Brodhead trivia game!**

Traditionally our holiday meeting is more of a celebration. This year we attempted to celebrate virtually by taking a few minutes to have a bit of fun. Teams guessed letters that spelled out the answer to the category 'Brodhead's Name'. It became very exciting and competitive as everyone started to figure out the answer: Edward H Brodhead.

Peder organized the recording of a holiday message. Everyone took a line to read, and Peder agreed to edit it so we could put it up on Facebook. The message read:

- This holiday season is unlike any other, to cap off a year unlike any other.
- The holidays can seem especially difficult this year with all that is going on.
- We may need to postpone gathering with friends and family,
- and family and faith traditions may look different this year.
- As a community, we are in this together.
- Throughout this season, and as we move into a new (and hopefully better) year,

- We wish you moments of peace amid the difficulties,
- Connections with family and friends even if they can't be in person,
- The warmth of memories from holidays past,
- And wonderful glimpses of the joy that still exists.
- Happy Holidays from all of us at Better Brodhead.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20