

ACEs to Assets Collaborative

COVID-19 Urgent Call Meeting Notes

NEXT MEETING: WED, APRIL 1 @ 10 AM

<https://appullo.my.webex.com/jmeet/appullo>

Present

Shannon Guillot-Wright, Assistant Prof, Center for Violence Prevention, UTMB (ACEs Co-founder)

Julie Purser, Executive Director, Family Service Center (ACEs Co-Founder)

Lauren Scott, Kempner Fund

Keath Jacoby, Executive Director, Vision Galveston

Cara Pennel, UTMB Public Health Program

Casey McAuliffe, Galveston's Own Farmers Market, Executive Director

Amy Barrera Kovach, FMC UTMB

Jennifer Hart, Magnet Community Liaison, GISD

Candy Hattingh, Advocacy Center for Children

Janet Zaborowski, Crisis Counselor, LaPorte ISD - zaborowskij@lpisd.org

Denise Walker, Curriculum Coordinator, Young Gardeners Program

Torrina Harris, Communities of Care (Future is Us) Coordinator, Family Service Center of Galveston County

Karen McWhorter, Development Director, Family Service Center of Galveston County

Jeff Temple, Director of Center for Violence Prevention, UTMB

Amy Musick, Assistant Director SMART Family Literacy

Shanice Blair, Case Manager at St. Vincent's House here in Galveston

June Collins Pulliam, Executive Director, Fanfare! Lutheran Music Academy

Lindsey White, Executive Director, United Way of Galveston

Tiffany, Tahirih Justice Center

Monica Wagner, Pre-K teacher and GISD Board Trustee

Brandon Williams, GUM Youth Director

Jessica Antonelli

Action Items

Employment

Childcare:

Monica Wagner : in relation to child care, child care and licensing need to provide clear information and support for centers. they would be good to link efforts with.

SMART Family Literacy: I'm not sure what you are asking exactly, but I believe SMART Family Literacy is already established for helping early child care centers. We currently have a grant with Save the Children and a network of about 100 centers.

Amy Musick : We have a childcare group already - I can help with that portion

Restaurants:

Galv Restaurant Group had to layoff a lot of service staff. We can share that opportunity with them once it's solidified

Housing

I think posting to places like Daily Bread and Salvation Army & central may be a good start

Food

Lindsey White : We are also talking to some groups about how to get food to the areas that aren't drive or walk to the pick-up sites - no firm details yet but there are some interested parties.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers.

SMART Family Literacy: Many of the current volunteers for Meals are in the high risk category. Can we enlist the people who have been laid off from food service industry to work or volunteer for Meals on Wheels?

Pasadena ISD is going to delivering meals next week and are using their buses and stopping along the bus line for kids to come and grab a meal. Erin shared this with me, maybe people at Galveston ISD can talk up there and learn about the logistics of making it happen?

GC Food Bank has a SNAP program. Jade Mitchell oversees it - perhaps they are thinking on SNAP outreach

COMPLETED: SEE RESOURCES SECTION Jenn Hart: I can inquire about GCHD focusing their mobile outreach to North of Bdwy and other communities who have limited access. I meant I will inquire with our contact at Galveston County Food Bank who works with the mobile food outreach program

Dissemination of Resources

I would target convenience stores near north of Broadway to get the printed information out to those who don't have internet access,

Casey McAuliffe: I've located someone who can help with English-Spanish translation.

GSCA was working on a resource list - we should connect with them to see they will share this

The ACES Collab has started a google drive resource file that we've been adding to regularly:

Here's The Link for the Joint Resource Folder

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IG7mGFrsUmjRIgnqmXGu6e4QmydfB5p1>

Resources

UTMB Twitter Feed: @utmbnews or @utmbhealth

<https://twitter.com/mbeharrymd/status/1240075674787905539?s=12>

St. Vincent's Day Clinic is still open and the social service side. We are having volunteers from UTMB come to screen everyone that comes in. We have also been approved to provide more financial assistance to families in need for rent and utilities. The student clinic is providing telehealth.

Family Service Center is providing telehealth and has limited office appointments (we are staggering clients to ensure social distancing). Our Front End team is maintaining an office presence at this time. They will continue to man phones and direct individuals to our clinical team.

Center for Violence Prevention: Text CONNECT to 37420

Food

Galveston County Food Bank: We have mobile food distribution throughout Galveston, in different areas, for the rest of the month. I know you're speaking of mobility but we have strategically placed our mobile trucks to deliver throughout the island in hopes we can cater to anyone in need. Every mobile host site has different requirements for what the visitors will need to get registered but it's usually a form of ID. I'm not positive at this time, but usually during a crisis, typical registration process could be waived.

We also have a few pantries throughout the island that we will continue to supply food to. At this time we will still be delivering their weekly orders as usual.

If we plan to host any other food distributions I will make sure I reach out to you (Jenn Hart). I am attaching our mobile calendar that includes where our mobiles will be each day for the rest of the month, as well as the time and address. I will also attach our website which has our partner pantries listed with addresses.

<https://www.galvestoncountyfoodbank.org/food-pantries/>

<https://www.galvestoncountyfoodbank.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/3.-March-2020-Mobile-Calendar.pdf>

UTMB: If you know of any specific community members who are in current need of assistance of food, we are hosting an event partnered with the Houston Food Bank and Odyssey Academy on Thursday, March 19th, to deliver food to whoever may need it, especially the elderly or immunocompromised. We plan on doing this several times in the coming weeks and months. (coonyebu@utmb.edu)

Food pick up is at A is for Apple, which is north of Broadway on 35th Street. March 20th 10:30-11:30am at A is for Apple (3502 Ball St) the mobile food bank will be there. No registration or identification needed.

Galveston Urban Ministries has two vans and can assist in connecting resources to the families North of Broadway

Absolute Kheir Home Health is gathering donations to deliver to Galv seniors. 763-0890

D&M on 45th & Broadway supplies food to local restaurants. I was informed that he will be selling the food at cost from 9-3 today.

Also, Meals on Wheels is currently delivering for this week, I haven't heard of immediate plans to close.

odyssey academy has free breakfast/ lunch this week for students too

Galveston Central Church still providing meals, showers, etc to unhoused

SMART Family Literacy : We are sitting on thousands of books, as well. And we've asked Save the allow us to redefine recipients to include COVID19

GUM has spanish speaking employees that will be able to translate or communicate on behalf of any organization that needs it.

GUM has two vans and is willing to assist in transportation.

GUM has access to Sandpiper Cove and it's residents so we can help disseminate information as needed and help coordinate pickup and drop off locations.

Housing

For Unhoused Population: Our Daily Bread has limited their hours to 10a-12p and will continue to have lunch available but not able to dine in. They are limiting the amount of people that can be inside the building and have suspended their social services and groups. We at St. Vincent's are not doing showers on Wednesdays, but are continuing to provide snack packs daily. I believe Streetscape Ministries is planning to continue to provide showers, laundry, and meals.

Internet

Internet access, my understanding is that Comcast is now offering 2 months free internet access. Not sure of further details. <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>. WiFi info: More info on the free Xfinity WiFi: (download the app for it to work!) Optimize Your WiFi Experience Download the Xfinity WiFi app to get enhanced security features at thousands of hotspots nationwide and to get better WiFi connections. Keep personal information safe while surfing on secure XFINITY WiFi hotspots. Connect to your preferred networks at home, at work or on

the go. Seamlessly and automatically connect when you're in range of Xfinity WiFi hotspots around town.

Resources

We have created a resource page on the United Way site, and pointed coronagalv.org to that page

PMPH resource list:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUgBiy11JTYTQWWd4xKknPwXtolxmUssC3ppCkTHLgotrF7w/viewform?usp=sf_link