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AGENDA

South Central Oregon Regional Economic Response/Recovery Team  
June 9, 2020  
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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- I. Emergency Board De-Brief – Annette Liebe, Regional Solutions Coordinator
  - Feedback from ERT on how best to deploy the \$10M allocated for PPE; and
  - \$3M for technical assistance to minority and women owned businesses
- II. How is Phase 2 going in Klamath and Lake Counties?
- III. Klamath Tribes update
- IV. Time permitting: Questions/Discussion from partners (it's OK if you don't have any)  
ROUNDTABLE:
  - a. SBDC – Kat Rutledge
  - b. SCOEDD- Betty Riley
  - c. Klamath County Chamber
  - d. Lake County Chamber
  - e. KCEDA – Randy Cox
  - f. Discover Klamath – Jim Chadderdon
  - g. East Cascades Works

- h. KCC
- i. OIT

V. Next steps/wrap up



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**MEETING SUMMARY**

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Emergency Board De-Brief – Annette Liebe, Regional Solutions Coordinator

Annette reported on funding recently approved by the emergency. This includes:

- \$75 million for rental assistance, housing stabilization, and mortgage assistance
- \$10 million for Oregon Worker Relief Fund
- \$15 million for utility bill assistance
- \$3.5 million for telephone and broadband for assistance to low income households
- \$4 million to support survivors of domestic violence
- \$25.6 million to enhance behavioral health services for people impacted by COVID with a focus on persons of color, vulnerable populations and federally recognized tribes.
- \$30 million to support childcare providers
- \$20 million for rural broadband capacity
- \$50 million for rural hospital stabilization grants
- \$10 million for PPE for small businesses
- \$3 million for technical assistance for underserved and women-owned small businesses
- \$1 million for 211/pandemic services

Annette asked for ideas and feedback on how best to deploy the PPE funding and the technical assistance to underserved and women-owned businesses. Thoughts were mixed on this. One comment was having the funds go to local entities, who would procure the equipment themselves. Another comment was that purchasing PPE is complex and pricing and supply varies widely, so it makes sense to have Business Oregon or another larger entity make bulk purchases. Another option is to use a hybrid of the two options.

Regarding funding for underserved and women-owned businesses, the group discussed whether the funds should only be for businesses that are certified as such. Larry Holzgang said many local underserved and women-owned businesses are not certified, so perhaps the funding should be opened up to reach even those businesses that are not certified.

Phase 2 Update for Klamath and Lake Counties

Some restaurants and gyms are frustrated that some health restrictions aren't more flexible in Phase 2, including longer hours of operation. Some gyms, for example, are built to operate 24 hours a day. That's limiting in Phase 2. Ginger Casto said the transition is going smoothly, and Lake County is looking at how to safely open larger venues, such as theaters. She said some people are under the assumption that all of the phases last 21 days, while Phase 2 will likely last until Oregon has a vaccine or has achieved herd immunity.

Annette added that one change for restaurants is that plexiglass is now acceptable as an alternative to physical distancing. The occupancy also increased to a cap of 250 people if this can be accomplished while still complying with the other requirements.

Darin Rutledge said several restaurants are still doing take-out only because their physical configuration is long and narrow, which makes it difficult to physically distance even with plexiglass. Plexiglass is also ugly and expensive, he has heard. He has heard that ORLA is looking at some ideas to make Phase 2 requirements for restaurants more flexible to take into account individual situations. Annette said the state is likely to look again at the Phase 2 guidance to see how the requirements are working.

A question was asked whether plexiglass is considered PPE, which could make the purchases eligible for funding. Another similar question was regarding touchless equipment and whether they were reimbursable as a PPE expense. Annette will follow up on that and report back.

#### Klamath Tribes update

Joseph Quiroli said the hotel and casino opened yesterday (6/8/20). The casino is non-smoking and the property is non-vaping. He said it's a slow opening, and there has been some pushback on the requirement to wear masks. He said the restaurant is at about half capacity and has added plexiglass. There is pent up demand for gaming.

Chairman Gentry said the tribe is going to start expanding more in-person services to tribal members, including temperature checks. This includes tribal health facilities and administration, which are currently appointment only. The clinic has had safety measures in place for months, which won't change. This is a safe and slow move to the new normal.

#### Roundtable

Betty Riley with SCOEDD is waiting on contracts from the state to roll out emergency funding, and expects approximately \$400,000 to distribute.

Ginger Casto is looking into opening the Alger Community Theater.

Randy Cox with KCEDA said Phase 2 is going smoothly so far.

Jim Chadderdon with Discover Klamath said Crater Lake National Park is opening soon, which is good news for the region. It will be a limited opening with reduced amenities. Tourism-related businesses continue to be impacted severely. Lodging numbers dipped this past week after eight weeks of increases.

Heather Ficht with East Cascades Works said WorkSource continues to be a resource for businesses that are hiring new employees. She added that there is emergency grant funding available for training and education. Randy Norris said many staff have been shifted to handle unemployment insurance claims, and the office is making progress on the backlog.

Annette said she will work to get an update to the group at a future meeting to discuss what the recovery in Klamath County looks like. This will be a future agenda item. She invited team members to send their ideas for agenda items, thanked the group for their work and adjourned the meeting.

