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AGENDA

South Central Oregon Regional Economic Recovery Team
March 31, 2020
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Conference call information:
1.541.465.2805, code: 730943#

- I. Introductions of Call Participants
- II. Federal CARES Act overview and Q&A – Jake Oken-Berg, Small Business Liaison, Sen. Merkley
- III. Roundtable (time permitting)
- VII. Adjourn



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MEETING SUMMARY

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I. Participants:

Rep. Breese-Iverson	Shanna Bailey, Business Oregon
Annette Liebe, Governor's Office	Larry Holzgang, Business Oregon
Damon Runberg, Employment Dept	Kim Laugsand, Employment Dept
Randy Cox, KCEDA	Betty Riley, SCOEDD
Kat Rutledge, SBDC	Maj. Jackson, Kingsley Field
Jim Chadderdon, Discover Klamath	Heather Tramp, Klamath Chamber
Heather Ficht, East Cascades Works	Michele Parry, Town of Lakeview
Comm. DeGroot, Klamath Co.	Nathan Cherpeski, City of Klamath Falls
Comm. Williams, Lake Co.	Comm. Winters, Lake co.
Ginger Casto, LCP	Darin Rutledge, Klamath Downtown Ass.
Penny Newton, KCC	Greg Svelund, DEQ
Sheri Stuart, OR Main St.	Scott Edelman, DLCD
Jarod Johnson, ODOT	Jim Walls, LCRI
Amy Amrhein, Sen. Merkley's Off	Barry Imler, Fremont/Winema
Todd Andres, Pacific Power	Sandra Fox, OIT
Jacob Egler, Sen. Wyden's office	Katelyn Pay, Congressman Walden's office

II. Federal CARES Act overview and Q&A – Jake Oken-Berg, Small Business Liaison, Sen. Merkley

The team was joined by Senators Wyden and Merkley who provided overviews of the recently adopted federal stimulus package. Fact sheets are available on each Senators website and were provided ahead of the meeting. Commissioner Winters commented that the formula for allocating PPE are not providing adequate supplies to Lake County hospital. Annette will follow up with Commissioner Winters and state incident command to better understand the situation and assess solutions. The team continued discussion of the stimulus package with staff. A couple of additional issues were raised: need a fact sheet that covers the unemployment insurance benefits for self-employed individuals, independent contractors and sole proprietors. There were also questions about the effective date of benefits for these people. The Paycheck Protection Program does back date for costs incurred since March 8th. Todd Andres asked what kind of marketing is being done for these programs. More of that will be coming in the near future. Any lender working with SBA can access these programs. Amy Amrhein will distribute a list of banks in South Central Oregon that work with SBA.

Kat Rutledge from the Small Business Development Center is booked out two weeks for appointments. There are some additional resources in the federal stimulus package for SBDCs.

Klamath IDEA is serving as the central point of contact where information about all available resources can be found. Klamath IDEA is working closely with the Chambers in both Lake and Klamath Counties. Klamath County Chamber is hearing from many small businesses such as, restaurants, hair dressers, nail salons, massage therapists, etc...Penny Newton mentioned that through KCC there are grants (up to \$5k) for businesses who need to get their books in order to apply for assistance.