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GOVERNOR KATE BROWN

AGENDA

South Central Oregon Regional Economic Response/Recovery Team
May 5, 2020
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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- I. Review prerequisites for re-opening document (attached)
- II. Discuss protocols...Annette will share any new/finalized protocols before the meeting
- III. Roundtable (Time permitting)
 - a. Klamath Tribes – Chair Gentry
 - b. SBDC – Kat Rutledge
 - c. SCOEDD- Betty Riley
 - d. Klamath County
 - e. Lake County
 - f. KCEDA – Randy Cox
 - g. Discover Klamath – Jim Chadderdon
- IV. Next steps/wrap up



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South Central ERT Notes from May 5, 2020 meeting

Annette welcomed everyone. She mentioned that there was a news release on the opening of Oregon State Parks day use areas earlier in the day, with more guidance coming on that issue later in the week. Most communities with concerns about a particular park reopening area already working with the state, and that is mostly around high-use areas and concerns around crowds.

Metrics for Gating Criteria and Core State Preparedness

OHA's Kattaryna Stiles talked about the regional and local metrics. They include decreasing emergency room visits vis-à-vis visits during historical flu seasons. Another metric is a decline in hospitalizations due to COVID-19 (in counties with more than five cases). A third metric requires testing capacity of at least 30 people per 10,000 people per week. Other metrics include contact tracing capacity, providing self-isolation facilities for those who test positive, finalizing sector guidelines and ensuring sufficient hospital surge capacity and PPE supplies.

Personal Services Guidelines

Annette requested that people with contacts in the personal services sector share the guidance with business owners and then provide feedback on whether those businesses could reopen under the draft guidelines.

Roundtable

George Lopez asked about guidance for casinos and whether the state is working on that. Annette said there is some guidance relating to other sectors, including restaurants and video lottery, that could apply. There is also general employer/business guidance that applies to many sectors.

Commissioner Winters said Lake County is working on all aspects of reopening and is encouraged that the county can meet the requirements.

Commissioner Kelley Minty Morris said Klamath County has completed its reopening plan and is planning to send it later today. She is concerned that the community is restless and very ready to reopen, and she is very hopeful to see the county reopen May 15.

Kat Rutledge with SBDC said she was concerned with civil unrest if counties cannot reopen fairly soon, though she acknowledges the process takes time and understands many people are working to ensure it happens as quickly as possible.

Betty Riley with SCOED said she is interested in outreach around reopening and is still compiling a list of shovel ready infrastructure projects in case federal funds are approved for that purpose. She has sent out a survey to prioritize infrastructure projects and is looking for several volunteers to help with that.

Jacob Egler said there are some discussions but no timetable on additional federal relief.

Amy Amrhein said EIDL relief can now go to the agricultural community, which is important for the region. She has also been working with agencies on planning for wildfire response over the summer in the age of COVID.

Annette reminded the group that Governor Kate Brown will hold a news conference later this week and she will provide details on that event. She thanked everyone for their hard work and ended the meeting.