

Corinth Community Coalition  
September 15, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Alice Mower, Audrey Johnston, Carlotta-Simonds Perantoni, Kenya Lazuli, Sandy Spiegel, Jeff Spiegel

Unable to attend: Jacqueline Labate, KellyAnn Donahue, Wade Pierson, Dwayna Covey, Ann Shaw, Christiane and Brian Carroll, Ken Schaffer, Glenn Pellagrino, Jose Alvarez, Sue McGilvary, Carl Demrow

Agenda:

1. Vermont Everyone Eats grant:  
Jacqueline Labate has applied for a grant to support family meals. As soon as she has been notified about the status of the grant request, she will let us know.
2. Report on the food support for 10 students and their families:  
Carlotta reported that the August and early September food support for the 10 students and their families was a success. Universal meals for all students at Waits River Valley School (WRVS) will continue until December 31st. There is a plan for a Food Clinic at WRVS in October. Carlotta expressed concerns regarding food access for the birth to age 5 group of students (about 100). There was some discussion about delivery or drop off sites as well as the need for food preparation areas to support these children.
3. Teen Apprentice Program:  
Jeff completed the description of the program after consultation with Ann Shaw, school counselor, and Carlotta. Currently, there are 10 local residents interested in being Apprentice Teachers. At the next meeting, program permission forms, mentee interview questions and Release of Information forms will be discussed. Jeff will be meeting with the Corinth Select Board on October 12th to discuss the issue of Apprentice Teacher liability and the funding for Criminal record checks.
4. The Hub Teen Center in Bradford:  
There was some discussion about Corinth and Topsham student interest in the Teen Center. Thus far no students from these towns have been there. One of the challenges is transportation. Jeff will discuss with Ann Shaw and Carlotta the idea of having the Hub coordinator make a presentation to 7th and 8th graders about their center. The CCC can probably have volunteers provide transportation for students.
5. The Window Dressers Project:  
Window Dressers is a Maine-based non-profit that brings volunteers together to improve the warmth and comfort of homes, by coordinating local workshops of volunteers to produce low-cost, insulating window inserts that function as interior-mounted storm windows. This project would serve residents in Corinth, Bradford, West Fairlee and Vershire. Jeff and Dan Wing have been attending informational meetings with the goal of creating a local project in the spring that enlists volunteers from the CCC to help create the inserts in time for the winter of 2021.
6. Honoring the staff at WRVS who worked last summer to make and deliver meals to students:  
There was some discussion of possible ways to honor the staff. Hannaford gift certificates, flower bouquets and gift baskets were suggested. No decision was made.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 20, at **4PM (Note earlier time)** at the Corinth Town Hall

Agenda:

1. Report of the status of the Vermont Everyone Eats grant
2. Analysis of TAP permission forms
3. Report on efforts to provide food support for birth to age 5 children
4. Report on the Teen Apprentice Program developments
5. Report on the Window Dressers Project
6. Proposed program for students working with draft horses