

## **Volunteer Administrators Networking Meeting**

**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**9:00-10:45**

---

**Number in Attendance: 36**

### **Opening Remarks**

**Carilyne Hebert, Executive Director of the Social Development Council of Cornwall and Area.  
Welcome and introduction to the VAN Executive team.**

Judy Dancause – Chair

Juliette Labossiere – Vice Chair

Jane Schoones – Membership Coordinator

Kaitlyn Legue – Secretary

**Round Table Introductions – Has your Agency welcomed back volunteers? Any questions you would like to address?**

### **First Guest Speaker – Dr. Paul Roumeliotis of the Easter Ontario Health Unit**

- Overview of Covid-19 in our Region
- Assessing Volunteers
- PPE, handwashing & disinfecting.
- Practicing the same procedures (i.e. Social distancing, staggered entry for volunteers. Can you involve them virtually?)
- The need for signs and visual cues.

### **Discussion Takeaways**

- EOHU website has resources for Covid-19 safety with Volunteers
- Volunteer Canada has resources  
<https://volunteer.ca>
- Dr Paul will look for waivers/declaration templates.

### **Second Guest Speaker – Steve Primiani of Hub International**

- Works with Ontario Non-profit Network
- Will be hosting a Webinar surrounding the Pandemic impacting Insurance, there will be a panel of professionals to answer questions.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00 PM – Risk Management & Liability. How has Covid-19 impacted Insurance? This is a free Webinar.
- VAN Committee will circulate link to Webinar.

## **Discussion Takeaway**

*Are waivers worthwhile for Agencies to develop? “We are not liable if you get Covid-19”*

- It can help but it’s not bulletproof.
- We need to do our due diligence to make sure our volunteers are safe. Things will change & develop as we go.
- Engage with Insurance Brokers to make sure you have the right amount of coverage/leverage.
- Tune into the Webinar for more information.

## **Notes**

Let’s Talk Science, put together 75,000 STEM activity kits for kids (8-12 years old approximately) who have less access to educational opportunities and online resources, especially given the challenges with education these last few months. We distributed most of the kits through food banks and existing partners over the summer, but we still have 1000 French kits left and 15000 English kits available. Some of you work with youth in that age group who have less educational access; if you would like some kits to distribute to them, you can request them through this form: <https://forms.gle/Vxt4oZAULa5WM3iQ9>

## **Next Meeting**

**Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 9:00 AM**