

Beat the Odds Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 1, 5:30 pm

Approval of Agenda: Desi motion; Marlene 2nd; all in favor

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Attending: Michele (notetaker), Desi, Marlene, Cynthia, Bridget, and Sarah

Old Business:

- 2020 Circle of Life Recap – hope to be in person this fall and next spring
- Michele has both BTO's Banners in her basement laundry room.
- We collected over \$10,000 in donations in 2020. Over ten donated \$500 or more. We will include their logos on the fall shirt.
- The Petersburg Medical Center did not use the \$3,500 allocated last year for oncology nurse training and they would like to carry those funds forward this year. They did not request any additional funds. Lea Stanton Gregor will be doing group by sign up this year. She will bill us at the end of the year for the groups she has, versus getting paid up front at the beginning.
- Kristen Rioux Testoni is our new home health nurse at PMC. Michele will ask her if she has any funding needs.

New Business:

- Desi asked Jenny Martins if she would like to be a member and she said yes. We are excited to welcome Jenny to our committee!
- Website Updates on www.beattheoddspgs.org: Would like to add a group picture of Committee Members sometime in the future.
- The Alaska Community Foundation has Premera Rural Health Care Grant Application is open now until December 31, 2021. More information can be found here: <https://alaskacf.org/blog/funds/premera-rural-health-care-fund/>.
 - Requests may be up to \$100,000. Eligible projects are short-term capital projects, including the purchase of medical and dental equipment, technology, vehicles, and ancillary equipment for emergency services, facility renovations, and restorations, and furnishings. Preference will be given to projects that improve healthcare delivery quality, as demonstrated by evidence-based research.
 - **Evaluation:** Requests will be accepted on a rolling basis, and grants will be awarded quarterly. The next review is tentatively scheduled for Mid-July. Applications will primarily be evaluated on the following criteria: The organization's history, fiscal capacity, an active board of directors, staff experience, financial support and the project's other funding sources, sustainability, and benefit to the organization and community and/or region served. Beat the Odds could help with grant submittal.
 - Sarah will check with hospital grant writer to see if this has been applied for or if we can help with the application.
- Date for Beat the Odds Race will be September 25, 2021. Bridget will add to the school calendar.
- Logo for our 21st Beat the Odds Race will be Emma's. Cynthia will look for a cotton crew long sleeve shirt and she will work with Emma on changing the date on the logo.
- Date Sponsor letters for Beat the Odds will be due is July 1st Marlene will meet with Jenny Martins to go over the sponsor spreadsheet. Marlene will send a copy of the sponsor

spreadsheet to Jenny and Michele. Michele will get envelopes and stamps to Jenny. We will divide up the task of calling and checking back with sponsors we haven't heard from in July.

- Current financial status is \$29,093.74. In 2020, First City Council on Cancer spent \$450 on Petersburg cancer patients and Cancer Connection spent \$0 and we did not hear back from Wrangell Medical Center Cancer Care or Angel Flight West. We are not sure since Wrangell Hospital has switched over to SEARCH if the Cancer Care group is still there. Michele suggested purchasing lap blankets to give out to Petersburg cancer patients with a card from Beat the Odds, "wrapping them in our love" and our brochure for resources available to them. Another suggestion was giving them \$100 cash or \$100 check from Chamber of Commerce. We will need to discuss these ideas further.

Meeting Adjourned by Desi.