Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services Task Force
Minutes - November 16, 2016

In attendance: Ressa Lively Smith, Madeleine Case, Kristi Venditti, Bob D'Alessandro, Serene Karplus, Carrie Evans, Julie VanDomlen, Dale Porter, Dawn Baumhover, Chris Current, Dennis Whalen, Jill Dreves, Julie Phillips, Hansen Wendlandt

I. Introductions (if necessary)

II. Review agenda – add/delete items

III. Information on Health Fair and EFAA distribution (Nov 12)

- 85 attended Health Fair – more than expected considering there was a spring fair.
    - We think it was comparable numbers to last year.
- 9News was pleased with the numbers.
- There were people from Allenspark that came.
- 31 flu shots
- 40 households at the pantry, 110 people served.

a. Lessons Learned
    a. Mary Coan – will be taking over as coordinator for the heath fair next year.
    b. Dawn will provide facility support and it will be held at the community center.
    c. Boulder did not send a housing person and it would have been helpful if they had.
    d. There were a couple agencies that were expected that did not show.

IV. Information on Holiday Food Boxes, Toys and Clothing

- Distribution is December 10, 9am-12pm
- Volunteers needed at 3pm on December 9th to help set-up
- They are in good shape for having this organized and ready to go.
- There is no word yet from Hasbro and if/when they will come to EFAA with toys.

V. Board of Trustees Meeting Update

- Budget Update
    - Town was without a treasurer for a year and a half.
    - Didn't have 2015 audit numbers complete for the 2016 budget and they just got the 2015 audit a month ago.
    - The budget is on solid ground but at the tip of the iceberg.
    - Regrouping for 2017 budget forecast. A new treasurer has been hired.
    - CDBG and FEMA reimbursements have not been received.
- Did vote to endorse a letter of support for affordable housing to Boulder County
- BOT could decide no goodwill funds and those funds might need to go to operations. This has not been decided yet.

- It was suggested that Peak to Peak should be more proactive in asking for support from the Trustees. Goodwill funds can be the easiest to cut. It is important to advocate for these funds.
    - A letter needs to be sent to the Trustees sharing the work that has been done.
    - Once the funds are cut it will be hard to get that back in the budget.

V. Concentrating Services in Nederland on First Thursday

- It was awesome and Boulder County had the needed staff attending.
- Sarah Reynolds can have people both complete applications and also determine eligibility on the spot.
- 4 people were signed up for benefits that day.

VI. Mountain Communities Transportation Update (Angel Bond)

- Dennis met with Angel and Bob a couple weeks ago discussing transportation issues in the mountain communities.
    - Want to identify who needs rides and for what reasons and identify resources to address this.
    - Via is looking to put together 3 days a week of service. Want to assess in advance what the needs are in the area.
    - Angel is in the process of contacting individuals and organizations identified during this meeting.
    - Via has some vehicles to give away and they are in the process of contacting agencies that have expressed interest.
        - The vehicles all have lifts (wheelchair accessible)
        - Not sure if a commercial driver's license is necessary
        - These may be available to Gilpin County but Boulder County agencies are likely the priority.
    - Via has Friends & Family program where reimbursement is available for people providing rides for those who need it.
- Dennis attended the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) meeting that is focused on transportation around the county.

VII. Mountain Human Services Collaborative Request for Grant from United Way

a. Information for requesting funds in addition to those to fund Mountain Resource Person

- Some details below but see attached for draft grant application.
- 4 year request
- 3 areas of activities
    - Direct support of services
    - Backbone
    - Coordination activities
- Goal is to help a number of human service agencies.

- EFAA is fiscal agent but is not recommending they receive most of the funds.
- Requesting $70,000-$80,000 per year
- What will the benchmarks be/how will we measure success?
    - Liaison – numbers of clients seen
    - Housing – number of units built, number of units repaired, number of volunteer hours
    - # of pounds distributed at food pantry
    - Annual evaluation and lessons learned of the MHSC
- Is there anything missing?
    - Funds for printing the Peak to Peak Guide

VIII. Funding Proposal for Boulder County a. Funding for this group – Status

- The decision needs input from the Commissioners.
- Hoping to hear something from them soon.
- The grant funds would support a coordinator for the Peak to Peak Task Force. 24 hour a week position.

IX. Updates from all represented agencies/activities (time permitting)

a. "Where to Get Help Guides"
    a. These have been well-received.
    b. Should be printed every 2 years.
    c. Dale has created a small flier with information about finding the guide on line.
        i. It is online at www.nederland.org/housinghuman-services-info
        ii. Dale can update online version every couple of months
        iii. Jeannette will post on Ned Heads
        iv. The guide is also on the P2P Facebook page
        v. Should see if it can be posted on the Nederland Elementary School website
b. Housing Sub Committee
    a. When the BOT signed the letter for housing it was not just for one property but for a package that could include other sites.
    b. Hansen is providing support and encouragement to Norrie with Boulder County Housing.
    c. Important for P2P to voice support.
    d. In Lyons, residents felt that Boulder County was going to have too much control if they built affordable housing. In Nederland it is important that the community would feel that they are a part of the process.
    e. Important to frame this process as a thoughtful process.
c. Nederland Interagency Council on Homeless Encampments (NICHE)
    a. In the past 3 weeks, the population of homeless individuals has decreased because the winter shelter in Boulder opened on November 1st.

b. Hansen has communicated with Greg and Isabel and has asked that they share weather reports with folks in the shelters so that they don't come back to the mountains when the weather is bad.
c. CO office of public health and water safety has offered to provide shovels related to the human waste in camping areas to make water quality safer. Safest practice is to bury it.
d. Conversation with Governor's office about ESJ. Homeless Initiative team has pointed Hansen to 12 different funding sources.

d. Inter Mountain Alliance (IMA)
   a. Meeting tomorrow morning.
   b. Subcommittee working on a foundation for Peak to Peak communities.
      i. Doing a Perfect World exercise to determine a way forward on this.
      ii. Aaron Titus has been providing support on this.

e. Mountain Human Services Collaborative
   a. No other updates – see above

f. Transportation
   a. No other updates – see above

g. Others
   - Help support other women and the community – Christian Women's Society
     - November 29th, 10am. Volunteers are welcome. Talk to Ressa for more info.
   - Attend the BOT meeting on December 7th when they discuss the budget. Meeting begins at 7pm but you need to arrive earlier if you want to speak.
   - Holiday Mountain Market – come and support local vendors. December 3rd & 4th. Fliers are around town. The event is at the Community Center.
   - Mountain Midlife Dinner – this Friday.
   - Wild Bear offering a free meditation, facilitating compassion. This Sunday. Will be offered every couple of weeks.

Next meeting date: January 18, 2017

- No meeting in December