

Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services Task Force
Minutes
Feb 15, 2017

- I. Introductions (if necessary)
Sarah Buss, Madeleine Case, Connie Sinclair, Dale Porter, Bob D'Alessandro, Richard Brandon, Julie Phillips, Julie Van Domelen, Michelle Alexander, Carlene Hatch, Karen Sieffert, Dawn Baumhover, Dennis Whalen, Chris Current, Serene Karplus, Mary Coan, Melissa Freeman, Jennifer Fisher, Hansen Wendlandt
- II. Review agenda – add/delete items
- III. Update from weatherization and rehab teams, eligibility
 - HHS presented about home repair programs – Michelle Alexander & Carlene Hatch
 - **Weatherization** – free program, 1-time only, for low-income individuals. Replace inefficient appliances, insulation, sealing air leaks, storm windows, LED lightbulbs.
 - Application needs to be submitted with ID and income information. The program is for owners and renters. The person living in the home is the one who needs to qualify for these services.
 - The program covers nearly all the cost. There isn't much choice of what is done. The goal is to do what is cost-effective and energy efficient.
 - There is also a program (Energy Smart) with higher income limits where home-owners pay half the cost. There is also a \$65 energy audit. People can pick and choose what they want done in their home. Windows are not included in this program.
 - The program works in Boulder, Larimer, Broomfield & Gilpin counties
 - Funding is available on a July-June fiscal year. Funds for Gilpin County have been spent for this fiscal year.
 - Home Repair Program
 - 1% interest loan to be paid back over 20 years. \$25,000 limit for the loan.
 - In-depth application process including income and tax information.
 - This program is for health & safety issues not remodeling. Roof, plumbing, coming to code with septic systems.
 - For more information contact Carlene Hatch, Boulder County Weatherization Program at chatch@bouldercounty.org or 720-864-6401.
www.longspeakeenergy.org
- IV. Transportation asset Inventory (Angel Bond)
 - The inventory was capturing what transportation resources are available in the mountain communities and what are the transportation needs. Can the available resources help with the needs and then what gaps would still be remaining. Via

is looking to provide services 3 days a week which would be up from 1 day a week.

- Bob recapped the work done so far as Angel is on leave at this time.

V. Impact Initiative Grant Status

- a. Funding for multiple initiatives to support this Task Force
 - i. HHS leadership is meeting to discuss this on February 27th.
 - ii. Foothills United Way will have an answer by March 31st.

VI. Medicaid/Medicare program through Tru Community Care (Colleen provided update)

1. PACE – Program for **All Inclusive Care for the Elderly**
2. Complete wrap-around care
3. Provide transportation to appointments
4. Free if someone is dual Medicaid/Medicare eligible
5. Contracting with Via to provide the transportation
6. There is mental health component for this program. Senior Reach is meeting with them to discuss this.
7. What happens if the transportation can't reach a mountain resident due to weather, road conditions, etc.?
8. Is there a counseling component to this program helping people navigate decisions and making the transition for care?
9. Jennifer will take this information to the next meeting.

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

- a. "Where to Get Help Guides"
 - i. Hard copies are still available. Talk to Dale Porter.
- b. Housing Sub Committee
 - i. Planning Commission ok'd a proposal from the county for affordable housing west of Calvary Church. Commission approved 30 units. There are plans for several units to be 2-bedroom to accommodate families.
 - ii. Target date of residents moving in is June 2019.
 - iii. This will go to the Board of Trustees and also back to the Planning Commission for next steps. Everyone on the planning commission is on board.
 - iv. It will be a 3-story building and it is required to be ADA accessible.
- c. Nederland Interagency Council on Homeless Encampments (NICHE)
 - i. Next month Hansen will be training CO Parks & Wildlife staff on how to interact with homeless and home-free folks.
 - ii. Hansen is working on updating the flier that is given out.
 - iii. Next Niche meeting is in March.
 - iv. Socks & Sandwiches will happen again this summer.
- d. Inter Mountain Alliance (IMA)
 - i. No updates
 - ii. Concerns about funding for fire mitigation and response.

- iii. It was suggested that combined Peak to Peak Task Force & IMA meeting would be beneficial.
- e. Old Gallery
 - i. No updates
- f. Mountain Human Services Collaborative
 - i. Kristi has seen 34 households in 2016. Kristi needs more referrals. She will be doing more resilience since there is funding from the resilience grant. 1/3 of households were new to EFAA. 1/3 wouldn't have been able to access EFAA's services otherwise. 44% had children. 41% included a member with a disability. 36% with a senior.
 - ii. Kristi will be doing more outreach now that there is funding from the Foothills United Way Resilience Grant. The outreach is to ensure that mountain residents know that Kristi is available as a resource to them.
 - 1. P2P Task Force members are asked to share information on barriers that might exist between residents and services. If someone is turned off by 1 person or service they might be turned off to other services too.
- g. Transportation
 - i. Via is looking to expand their Volunteer Driver Program. They have a grant from the Rose Foundation to do this. In the future, looking to expand this program in the mountain communities. Via could place a vehicle in the mountains that could be used. At this time, though, they don't have a 4-wheel drive vehicle.
 - 1. Volunteers can also use their own car. Via provides training and coordination of the rides. People schedule rides through Via.
 - 2. If Peak to Peak raised funds for a mountain-vehicle could they work with Via to use that vehicle for this program.
 - 3. There are no restrictions or prioritization for how people use this service.
 - 4. Serene reminded everyone (no matter their age) that they should think about legacy gifts that could be included in their will.
 - ii. Via began a shuttle service with Eldora 3 weeks ago. The first day there were only 40 riders but after a few days ridership was as high as 300.
- h. Others
 - i. Senior Reach – Jennifer shared some numbers from a survey they conducted.
 - 1. Out of referrals in 2016 – 97% accepted services. 97% said they would recommend services. 80% said the services made a difference in their lives. Please contact Jennifer for more details.
 - ii. Wild Bear – CCAP is coming to Wild Bear on April 19th. There will be on-site childcare. Families can apply for support for summer programs. CCAP can do on-site assessment of eligibility.
 - iii. Peak to Peak Task Force is on Facebook. “Like” or “Follow” the page so that updates appear in your FB feed.

- iv. BVSD now has a Family Helpline to help people struggling to get in touch with the right department to know who to contact. The # is 720-770-0102.
- v. Nederland Area Seniors
 - 1. Community Pancake Breakfast. March 11 & 12, 8-11am. Nederland Community Center. \$8 for adults, \$5 over age 60, \$4 under age 12.
 - 2. Mountain MidLife Dinner & Games – February 24, 5pm.
- vi. Nederland Community Library – Financial Literacy Workshops. February 16 & 23 at 7pm.
- i. Emergency Food and Shelter Program
 - i. This is a program managed by Foothills United Way that allocates federal funding to agencies that provide emergency housing and/or food assistance.
 - ii. Dennis has agreed to represent the Peak to Peak region on this Board.

Next Meeting: Mar 15, 2017