

Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Jan 18, 2017, 9am-11am

In attendance: Richard Brandon, Julie Phillips, Julie Van Domelen, Ressa Lively Smith, Dale Porter, Bob D'Alessandro, Jennifer Fisher, Dennis Whalen, Serene Karplus, Kristi Vanditti, Dawn Baumhover, Melissa Freeman, Emily Dusel

- I. Introductions (if necessary) -
 - Richard Brandon – Business Manager, Peak to Peak Counseling
 - Emily Dusel – Lyons Emergency Assistance Fund (LEAF)
 - Melissa Freeman – Wild Bear

- II. Review agenda – add/delete items

- III. Information on Holiday Food Boxes, Toys and Clothing (Dec 10)
 - Food Pantry distributed 123 Holiday Boxes before Christmas serving 337 people. They increased their outreach and it was effective.

- IV. Mountain Human Services Collaborative Request for Resilience Grant from United Way
 - a. Approved – added funding for Mountain Resource Liaison
 - Funding received from Foothills United Way to support outreach hours for Kristi.
 - There is a MHSC meeting next Thursday and the outreach plan will be discussed.
 - Kristi has been holding meetings to identify more resources across the County. Kristi is also looking at scheduling office hours.
 - Would there be businesses in Gold Hill that would have space where Kristi could use for office hours?

- V. Funding Proposal submitted Boulder County
 - a. Funding for support for this group – Status
 - Funding request went to Michelle K's office and then went to HHS (Housing & Human Services). There hasn't been a clear track since this is a one-off request.
 - A leadership group (within BC) met around it to move it forward. It will go to Whitney in contracts and she has some questions. Whitney will reach out to Julie V. and Dennis with questions and they can then reach out to the rest of the Peak to Peak.
 - In the proposal, Nederland Food Pantry was suggested as the fiscal agent. Boulder County asked if EFAA could be the fiscal agent since they have had contracts with EFAA in the past.

- VI. Impact Initiative Grant
 - a. Funding for multiple initiatives to support this Task Force

- Foothills United Way expects to have funding information by the end of first quarter (end of March).

VII. Year End Data for 2016

- Dennis has received data from the Presbyterian Church and EFAA.

(Having data to help demonstrate the value, directly and indirectly, derived from grants, in addition to social service and Boulder County resources, will aid in justifying those dollars and services, and help greatly in the future. Having stated that, admittedly, we don't always know what data will turn out to provide real value, so we're seeking most all the available data to determine what is available and proves useful at this time, with the expectation that we can narrow the options down in the future.)

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

- a. "Where to Get Help Guides"
 - Guides are still available.
 - Available online on the Town website and the Presbyterian Church website
- b. Housing Sub Committee
 - Any day now, the County should be announcing that it has closed on property in Nederland, to develop low-income housing!
 - The BOT will be reviewing a couple Planning Commission proposals, for rental licensing (which includes the controversial issue of rental inspections) and softer zoning restrictions, to encourage multi-family development.
- c. Nederland Interagency Council on Homeless Encampments (NICHE)
 - Hansen will be training (in March) the Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers about how to interact with homeless campers.
 - Working with the Municipal Judge and Peak to Peak Forest Watch especially, to publish a couple different guideline documents: the first for people given illegal camping tickets in Boulder, to point them toward services, rather than toward public lands camping (which might turn into a Sheriff's document to help the Homeless Outreach Team point people to help, before they get tickets, and/or a document for Bridge House and the Shelter to give out to anyone considering the trip up to camp), and the latter a renewed version of last year's guideline for us to pass out to campers who do arrive here (which direction on fire safety, trash, clean water, wildlife interactions, services here and below, etc).
 - We are also working with Colorado Source Water Protection, about ways to better manage human waste in the high-impact campgrounds. Inter Mountain Alliance (IMA)
- d. IMA
 - No updates. There was no meeting in December. The next meeting is January 26th in Fourmile at the fire station.
- e. Old Gallery
 - Email to Micha bounced back. He may not be involved in The Old Gallery now.
 - It was suggested that Dennis reach out to Kathy Benjamin
- f. Mountain Human Services Collaborative g.

- Will discuss the outreach plan at the next meeting

g. Transportation

- Angel has almost completed transportation assets inventory and will present at the next Peak to Peak meeting.
- Eldora shuttle – Via contacted by the ski resort to see if they can create a shuttle between the Town and the ski resort. Via has signed a contract to do this on Saturdays and Sundays. The shuttle will run between the Town and the ski resort and stop at the RTD stops along the way. The shuttle will run on a continuous loop. It is a work in progress and there are still logistics that need to be worked out.
- Dawn is working with Brent at the ski resort to rent part of the community center parking lot.
- Via is still looking for drivers for the Eldora shuttle.

h. Human Service Advisory Committee for the County

- Julie V. was appointed to this committee.
- They are designing family resource framework.
- There are regional sections underneath this. Julie suggested the mountains should have their own regional group separate from City of Boulder. Julie's proposal is Peak to Peak be governing body for the mountains for this committee.

i. Julie V. serving on 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness for Boulder County

- No one from mountains serving on the committee
- Julie has been pointing this out to the committee
- It would be helpful to have someone from Peak to Peak attend these meetings.
- This group may be looking at channeling funding into these efforts
- Meetings are on Friday mornings, one a month, for 2 hours.
- Julie V. is happy to talk with Chair about involving someone from the Peak to Peak.
- Julie V. will talk to Hansen about this committee.
- It was asked whether Mental Health Partners is represented on this committee
- It was suggested that Julie V. ask if Hansen can come and make a presentation to the group. Could Lyons present along with Hansen. Emily can speak to the needs in Lyons.
- If Hansen can't make these meetings then Dale could instead.

j. Others

- Three directors from the Teen Center will be housed in the Community Center including new Teen Prevention Coordinator. Should be in those offices in 4-6 weeks.
 - New Prevention Coordinator, Jen
 - Kristi will send Stephen an email and invite Jen to attend the Peak to Peak meetings.
- Town Administrator, Alisha, has given her notice to the Town and will be stepping down in March.
 - The Board of Trustees is currently conducting a search.

- Nederland Area Seniors – obtained some additional funding and now have a 10-hour/week assistant.
- Colorado Childcare Assistance Program – families can now apply 60 days in advance.
- Peak to Peak Counseling intern program is up and going. They are working with Regis and possibility some other schools.
 - Peak to Peak has a little bit of a waitlist right now.
- Cold Springs Mental Health Voucher program date has been expanded to March 31st.
 - Acupuncture MRC is still doing free acupuncture. They have scheduled with Dawn.
 - They have some Saturday hours too.
 - LEAF is still seeing the need for vouchers in the aftermath of the flood.
- Lyons has first affordable housing coming to Lyons. Habitat is building 6 units. The housing is intended for Lyons flood displaced residents first and then if there are still units available they would open for flood displaced residents in other parts of the County.
 - Interested people can contact Emily at LEAF or St. Vrain Habitat.
- The Emergency Food & Shelter Program (managed by Foothills United Way) would like a member of the Peak to Peak task force to represent the P2P region on this Board. Talk to Julie P. for more information.

Next Meeting: Feb 15, 2017