

# Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services Task Force

## Minutes

### Oct 19, 2016

In attendance: Dawn Baumhover, Chris Current, Bob D'Alessandro, Ressa Lively Smith, Dale Porter, Julie VanDomlen, Kristi Vendetti, Hansen Wendlandt, Dennis Whalen, Lisa Curtis, Jennifer Fischer, Colleen Sinclair, Angel Bond, Becky Thelen, Sarah Buss, Julie Phillips

Minutes: Julie Phillips

- I. Introductions (if necessary)
- II. Review agenda – add/delete items
- III. Information on Health Fair and EFAA distribution (Nov 12)
  - a. Dawn brought draft flier. Please edit and return to Dawn.
    - i. Final version will be done by the end of the week and will go out in Friday folders at school. (Final version attached with the minutes)
  - b. Dawn received surprise visit from Mobile Veteran Services (from the VA), Mike Snaveley. Exactly what is needed for mountain Vets. Already working with Gilpin. Will be at the Health Fair.
  - c. Has a mobile unit to do intake and provide services and referrals on site.
    - i. Can also do one-on-one visual counseling from the mobile unit.
- IV. Information on Holiday Food Boxes, Toys and Clothing (Dec 10)
  - a. Thanks to EFAA for sharing toys!
- V. Jim Webster, Wildfire Partners
  - a. Concerning grant funding to provide free wildfire mitigation services to low income and elderly homeowners in the mountains and foothills. However, he needs help identifying individuals to receive this support. They have significant resources available for the mitigation work and the funds carry over into next year (2017).
  - b. Public-private partnership led by Boulder County involving about 30 partners. WP has 9 wildfire mitigation specialists.
  - c. The assessment educates the homeowner on their particular risks. Once vulnerabilities are identified WP helps prioritize those vulnerabilities. There is no obligation to take action after the assessment is done.
  - d. People can do the mitigation work on their own schedule. It doesn't have to happen all at once.
  - e. Offer phone consultations and return visits.
  - f. Focus on mitigation and preparation work to help save homes and increase safety.
  - g. Launched in 2014. 1,000 homeowners currently participate. Homeowners pay for the services but there is grant-funding for those who can't afford the program.
  - h. Can P2P members help identify those who could benefit from the mitigation work but couldn't afford it and could apply for the grant?

- i. The work is focused on home-owners. Renters must get the permission of the property owner.
- j. People can learn more and sign up at [www.wildfirepartners.org](http://www.wildfirepartners.org).
- k. Looking for guidance on how best to direct their message to mountain residents.
  - i. WP presented in the community earlier in the week. Dawn said in the future those presentations can be streamed/recorded.
  - ii. WP can attend the Health Fair next month.
  - iii. Serene from Nederland Area Seniors could bring them to a Senior Luncheon (Mondays and Wednesdays). Dale will bring this idea to Serene.
  - iv. See if they can access a list of LEAP applicants.

VI. Grant proposal they to provide transportation for medical trips to residents in the mountain communities of Boulder County - Lisa Curtis and Bob D'Alessandro

- a. Submitted a proposal to Caring for Colorado to provide non-emergency medical trips to Boulder using volunteer drivers.
  - i. This would include PT, psychological therapy, occupational therapy, dental appointments.
  - ii. Should be able to serve people of all ages. Children (under 14) would need to be accompanied by an adult.
- b. 1 year ago Via launched volunteer driver program in Longmont and has been very successful. All volunteer-drivers complete background check and complete driver training. Key to success if building good infrastructure.
  - i. Can use own vehicle (Via inspects first) or use Via vehicle.
  - ii. Reimbursement for gas provided (if using own vehicle).
- c. Would like feedback on the program. This program is a way for residents to help their neighbors and build volunteer infrastructure for this type of need.
- d. If funding received, Via would leave a vehicle in Nederland for trips to medical appointments in Boulder. This program would apply to all mountain communities in Boulder County.
- e. Could transportation be provided to Denver? Possibly. The program is still being developed.
  - i. A lot of the specialists people see are in Longmont, Lafayette, Denver.
- f. Via will need help identifying clients and volunteer drivers.
- g. Lisa's contact info is on the flier. If you want to help give feedback and be on a contact list for the program please let her know.
- h. Boulder County Mobility for All would like to hold a community meeting to learn more about transportation issues/needs/concerns. Would like to hold meeting in Jamestown. Planning meeting to be held in next 2 weeks. Contact Angel Bond at [abond@bouldercounty.org](mailto:abond@bouldercounty.org).
  - i. Would like to collect information at the Health Fair.
  - ii. People need assistance navigating the transportation systems.
  - iii. Should post on the P2P Facebook page when the community meeting date is set.

VII. Becky Thelen, AFC®, Boulder County, Housing & Human Services, Housing and Financial Counselor

- a. Would like to come out and provide housing and financial counseling on ongoing basis. Can be available when the Food Pantry is open.
  - i. Dawn is getting a couple room dividers to use when the Food Pantry is open for people to meet with service providers.

- ii. Healthy Kids, Healthy communities – can come the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month to be at the Pantry. Sarah will get the contact info.
  - iii. Kristi, Becky, Colleen and Healthy Kids during will be at the Thursday pantry openings.
  - iv. Food Pantry will get together and decide when this should begin.
- b. Can meet with anyone, no restrictions on income or location.
- c. They look at how they can help make finances less stressful. Student loan options, foreclosure, reverse mortgages, credit improvement, debt reduction, money management.
- d. Provide information to help make informed decisions. Appointments are about information gathering. Never tell people how to use/spend their money.
- e. Try to coordinate with other service providers and can provide release to share information with a case manager.

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

- a. Information for requesting funds in addition to those to fund Mountain Resource Person
  - i. Discuss Impact Initiative Grant at the November meeting.
  - ii. Julie will share accreditation update and Impact Initiative Grant Application when it is available.

IX. Funding Proposal for Boulder County

- a. Funding for this group – Status. Julie VanDomlen shared about the proposal she is writing up on behalf of the group.
- b. 24 hour a week consultant.
- c. Managed by the Peak to Peak Task Force. Food Pantry would serve as fiscal agent.
- d. Responsibilities would include:
  - i. Coordination of the Task Force – distribution of agenda, minutes, documentation, follow-up steps (2 hours a week).
  - ii. Strategic planning – develop annual strategic work plan, facilitate subcommittees, tailor action plans to diverse needs of the various mountain communities.
  - iii. Collect info from members and official sources to update and maintain analysis of mountain needs
  - iv. Resource identification
    - 1. Seek ways to more sustainably fund/support
  - v. Advocacy & Communication – represent P2P at various meetings and forums and disseminate to other mountain communities.
  - vi. Would like to add money for publications/materials
- e. Julie V. will finalize proposal, Dennis will sign letter and then it will go to Sarah and Angela and they will present to the Commissioners.

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

- a. “Where to Get Help Guides”
  - i. Dale handed out the new print-version of the guide.
  - ii. Basic information is the same with some updates. It cost less to print than originally expected. Total was \$970.
  - iii. 400 copies were printed. Dale will have them if you would like copies.
    - 1. Need to get 20 copies to the police. They have bins of resources they keep in their vehicles.

- iv. Updates should be sent to Dale and updates can be made to the electronic version on an ongoing basis.
- v. Thanks to everyone who contributed funds to the printing of the guides. EFAA paid the bill up front so checks should be sent to EFAA with a note about the guide in the memo line.
- b. Housing Sub Committee
  - i. Last month the planning commission and Board of Trustees met. They are implementing the easiest decisions and hiring a consultant for the harder decisions.
  - ii. The County has been working with Alicia to purchase plot of land in town.
- c. Nederland Interagency Council on Homeless Encampments (NICHE)
  - i. Been in contact with Governor's homeless initiative team. Excited to hear about work in Nederland. Know very little about homeless outside of the cities.
  - ii. The DOJ chimed in on Seattle's new encampment and the law is one that Boulder could look to as a model.
  - iii. Council made decisions to establish a consistent day shelter and beds but will take a long time to implement.
  - iv. Would like to replicate the EFAA model of having a presentative in the community from Bridge House.
  - v. In San Jose they are recognizing their homeless situation as disaster zone to re-designate funds to homeless initiatives.
- d. Inter Mountain Alliance (IMA)
  - i. Meets next week on October 27 from 10am-12pm at The Old Gallery
- e. Mountain Human Services Collaborative
  - i. No additional updates
- f. Transportation
  - i. No updates
- g. Others
  - i. Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Community Center.
    1. November 13<sup>th</sup>. Zero waste event/people bring their own plates and utensils and a dish to share.
    2. 720-560-6249 – Jennifer Pund – contact if you want to host a table at the dinner.
  - ii. Via – reminder of Thursday service. If anyone knows of potential riders please contact Via and spread the word about services.
  - iii. Team Rubicon will be in Nederland this weekend. The focus of their operation is to cut down burned trees from the fire. Julie Phillips is working on some logistics and asked for leads on showers and groups to help with meals.
  - iv. Colorado Acupuncture medical reserve corps will be providing trauma services during the Fair as well as during the Nederland Community Thanksgiving Dinner

**Next Meeting: Nov 16, 2016**