



Human Services and Aging Commission

March 22, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

Attendees

Commissioners: Ellen Keane (Acting Secretary), Meg Waters, Amy Reinholds (Acting Chair), Emily Dusel (also LEAF liaison).

Liaisons: Lori LeGault, Town of Lyons; Rebekah Van Sweden, Area Agency on Aging had to leave due to a family emergency

Guests: Ruth Corwin (Lyons resident), Nnenia Campbell (CU Boulder)

1. Audience Business

- a. Nnenia Campbell (CU Natural Hazards Center, Institute of Behavioral Science) is doing her dissertation on how seniors recover from a disaster. She is looking for information about the senior population in Lyons related to recovery. *A number of us will contact elders in the community to see if they are interested in talking with Nnenia.* It was suggested that she attend one of the Lyons Longevity happy hours. *Ellen will contact Annie Mannering* about Nnenia's interest in disaster recovery. Lori will see if she can attend one of senior events (book club, etc.). It is important to get permission before having her contact seniors. Nnenia stated that she did not have funding and could not pay the seniors for their interview time.

2. General Business

- a. Commissioners discussed who would be taking on the Secretary and Chair responsibilities after the resignation of 3 commissioners.
 - i. Emily Dusel was appointed as a commissioner
 - ii. Meg Waters volunteered to take minutes
 - iii. Amy and Emily may become co-chairs—Amy is currently busy with the housing committee
- b. We hope to have the new mayor (Connie Sullivan) attend our April meeting to discuss a number of items:
 - i. Is the commission allowed to vote with only 4 members in attendance? *Amy will ask Connie via email.*
 - ii. Does the new BOT want HSAC to continue? We learned that the current mayor suggested HSAC should be a part of LEAF and not TOL
 - iii. Who will our BOT liaison be?



- iv. We have a number of goals, but would like to ensure that the BOT is on board with our goals.
HSAC Mission (based on Lyons Recovery Action Plan goals and objectives): Provide coordination and communication with various private, non-profit, and county entities in an effort to assess and fill the gaps in human service provision and identify unmet needs in the Lyons and greater Lyons (80540) area.
- v. Our first goal would be to conduct a Human Services Needs Assessment. We may want to contact the coordinators of Boulder County Foundation Trends to assess similar outcomes/indicators. This should be done prior to the next Lyons Master Plan.
- vi. HSAC would continue to provide communication (newspaper articles, resource guide, etc.) and coordination (identify families and individuals with unmet needs, coordinate with the constellation of entities involved in service provision). *Emily Dusel will create a list of entities with whom HSAC and LEAF have worked in the last 2.5 years.*
- vii. Discuss Lyons proper vs. greater Lyons Area (including Allenspark). Many people in 80540 come to Lyons for services. People in BoCo, but SVVSD are not getting services in Ned or Estes Park. Most of what Lori L. does would not require additional work to include those in the greater Lyons area. Is the BOT concerned about funding activities that serve people outside of town limits.
- viii. Discuss why the BOT turned down the position requested. Is there an issue with accessing MJ tax monies to fund the HSAC position. Requested that LEAF be the supervisory structure, not Parks and Rec. We have not received any official word and have not had a BOT liaison for several months.
- ix. HSAC needs to discuss Lori's position and tasks she can accomplish as part of the HSAC mission. In addition, HSAC should outline a budget.

3. Updates

- a. Lori attended the Prevention Coalition Event in Ned. She is very excited about getting involved in prevention activities for Lyons youth.
- b. In an effort to start with prevention efforts, Lori met with the counselor at the high school to discuss problems and needs among our community youth.
 - i. Bring in speakers to educate parents about marijuana and the developing brain.
- c. Lori stated that Dave, Marissa, and Victoria are aware of the issues with Meals on Wheels and the Golden Gang. Members of the Lyons Longevity group have expressed interest in becoming new board members of the Golden Gang non-profit after the current president retires. The LL group has been working on making connections among Lyons seniors. *Lori, who has been talking with Rich about the Golden Gang and Meals on Wheels, will contact Annie to discuss the possibility and timing.*



- d. Meals on Wheels was discussed. It did not receive town funding. LEAF may be able to take it over, but needs some help with volunteer coordination. Could that come out of Lori's budget? Could Lori spend some time figuring out the MOW numbers, etc. for Emily and LEAF?
 - e. Lori has been in touch with Emily Draving who works with Joycelyn Fankhouser to provide support to individuals and families living in BoCo housing. She may be able to help Lori with issues at Walt Self....decorating, getting it open more often, etc.
4. Need to reschedule Bob from VIA if Connie is attending next HSAC meeting.
 5. Adjournment
 6. Next Meeting April 26, 6-7:30 , Lyons Town Hall