



## Human Services and Aging Commission

April 26, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall

### Attendees

Commissioners: Amy Reinholds (Co-Chair), Emily Dusel (Co-Chair, LEAF liaison), Ellen Keane (Acting Secretary),

Liaisons: Lori LeGault (Town of Lyons), Wendy Miller (BOT), Rebekah Van Sweden (Area Agency on Aging)

Guests: Connie Sullivan (mayor), Ruth Corwin (Lyons resident); Janaki Jane (former commissioner); Annie Mannering (Lyons Longevity)

### 1. Audience Business

- a. Lyons Longevity had a table at the Wilderness Fair. Not many older people attended. Discussed ideas for communication, especially for those not using computers/electronics. Who is allowed to post at Walt Self? Emily Draving?

### 2. Action Items from Previous meeting

- a. Commission can vote with 4 members in attendance
- b. List of entities with whom commission has coordinated distributed to demonstrate breadth of collaboration—Ellen and Emily compiled a list, Janaki Jane created a spreadsheet of these entities.
- c. Lori talked with Rich re Golden Gang. Further discussion at next meeting. May want to present to BOT
- d. Rescheduled VIA to May 24th

### 3. General Business

- a. Discussed HSAC goals and roles with Mayor Connie Sullivan and BOT liaison Wendy Miller
  - i. Mission to assess and fill gaps related to unmet human services needs
  - ii. Connie agreed this should be our mission...discussed some of the outcomes of the Boomer Bond initiative. Thought many of the outcomes were for larger communities.
    1. Makes sense to decide what we can provide within Lyons and what services are OK to travel to Longmont/Boulder to get.
  - iii. Discussed barriers to service: cost, time, comfort. Sometimes leaving town creates more confidentiality with services.
  - iv. HSAC would like to dedicate some time and money to a needs assessment
    1. Can we use Lori LeGault's budget for this work? Probably



- 1) Lori will explore exact amount she has, how it can be used and procedures for spending the money. Is it strictly for programming?
  - 2) Ellen will explore getting Healthy Kids data specific to Lyons from Boulder County.
  2. Do we want to develop an RFA for a risk assessment or do something less formal? Have Lori spend some time gathering information.
- v. In a discussion about what happened to lines of communication and reasoning for declining our request for a full-time employee to coordinate human services, Connie suggested we educate the BOT about human service provision, how it is done in other towns our size, what percent of a town budget goes to human services, etc.
1. HSAC should be making recommendations about policy
  2. BOT meetings will now have 15 minutes for the commissions to present information and request funds, etc. One commission per meeting.
    - 1) HSAC requesting to attend the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - 2) Lori LeGault could use some of her time to pull together information for the BOT
      - i. Include Lyons Longevity report (Laura Matthews)
      - ii. Information from school ...presented previously
      - iii. Information from LEAF
      - iv. Lack of human services within TOL structure...Parks and Rec not a great fit for supervision
      - v. Can we get Lyons data from St Vrain School District YRBS data (Healthy Kids)
    - 3) Important to present the idea of 80540 service provision vs. TOL. Connie thought the town often provides services to the greater Lyons area, e.g., parks, library, etc.
    - 4) Parents need education about youth behaviors (Connie suggested regular newspaper articles)
4. Updates
- a. Rebekah mentioned a film/presentation called Screen Agers about youth and screen time. She suggested we google it to get more information. It takes place May 10th
  - b. Meals on Wheels and the relationship with Golden Gang was discussed—no solution at this point.
5. Action Items
- a. Amy R will contact Amy Hardy regarding a meeting to discuss granting opportunities and attainable housing.



- b. Ellen will contact Angel Bond regarding transportation survey. E-intro by Joycelyn, but not sure who Angel is.

6. Adjournment

- a. HSAC decided to have an extra meeting for May to discuss the HSAC budget and Lori's role/responsibilities.
- b. Next Meeting May10, 6-7:30 , Lyons Town Hall ; The following meeting will be the usual week May 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30.