



Town of Lyons
Human Services and Aging Commission (HSAC)
September 26, 2016
Commission Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Commissioners: Amy Reinholds (Co-Chair), Meg Waters, Ellen Keane, and Amanda Bushek
Liaisons: Lori LeGault (town staff)
Guests: Ruth Corwin, Joanne Barnard

General Business

a. Samantha Frazee, recruiter for Boulder County Foster Care (Lori LeGault):

- There are kids coming into foster care every day in Boulder County. Currently 150 kids are in care in Boulder County. There are 75 providers, and they are essentially full. The county needs more families to get involved in foster care.
- There are lots of ways to help foster children. Those who can't open their home to foster a child can volunteer to be "foster family helpers," through which they will assist a family that is fostering a child. Another volunteer opportunity is to provide "respite," providing short-term care for another family's foster children (date night, weekend, etc.).
- Samantha is asking the town of Lyons to get involved in foster care. Perhaps Boulder County could hold an open house and/or orientation in Lyons?
- Samantha can be reached at 303-441-1081.

b. Budget request for 2017 (all commissioners and liaisons):

- Emily has had discussions with Mayor Connie Sullivan about prospective changes to the HSAC-proposed program for a goodwill fund. Mayor Sullivan proposed that LEAF perhaps could receive and then distribute the funds. Commissioners are concerned that although there's certainly overlap, LEAF's mission is narrower than what we envisioned this goodwill fund being able to support.



- HSAC should include more info in the formal budget request than we included in the board presentation in July. May include “examples, but not limited to: organizations doing work in Lyons or willing to expand for services such as food assistance, Meals on Wheels, senior social support services, transportation, at-risk youth services, and services for people with disabilities.”
- If town board approves the goodwill fund, HSAC should plan on promoting the organizations that are funded to the people of Lyons.
- Emily & Amy will compare notes. Town of Lyons board of trustees will be working on budget through October.
- HSAC should also consider proposing specific events/programs for the town Parks & Rec department to fund in 2017.

c. Transportation:

- Perhaps Via could host a workshop to teach people how the reimbursement program within Via works?

d. Mental Health Partners:

- Mental Health Partners provider currently works in Lyons on Fridays until 3pm.
- Mental Health Partners wants to expand their hours in Lyons. It’s currently just an issue of space/logistics.

e. Upcoming events:

- Oct. 15: Longmont Mind & Soul: From Privilege to Promise — no-cost event. Privilegetopromise.weebly.com
- Oct. 26, 10 a.m. – noon: Lyons Longevity meeting at Walt Self Senior Center. Discussion will revolve around expanding social services.



Action Items

- a. Prepare for Town of Lyons budget request for Goodwill Fund plan. Final statement about budget is due to Board of Trustees before their November 7th workshop.

Next Meeting:

October 24, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Lyons Town Hall