



Town of Lyons Housing & Human Services Commission

August 13, 2019

Commission Meeting Minutes—approved Sept. 10, 2019

Housing & Human Services commission members in attendance:

Amy Reinholds (Acting Chair), Ellen Keane, Crystal White, Andrew Moore, Patty McNichol

Liaisons: Wendy Miller (Board of Trustees)

Other guests: Kim Mitchell (Town Staff), Rebecca Major (OUR Center, LEAF), Helen Vanderwerken (Boulder County senior lunches), Zoe Lewis (Senior Reach), Janaki Jane (Lyons Mental Health Initiative)

(TO-DO action items in bold font)

1. Health & well-being

- 8/27/2019 Soundwell music therapy all ages music group at the library.

- 9Health Fair – Sept 28 8-noon – **Lyons Mental Health Initiative and LEAF could share a table, can bring materials to table, Helen and Zoe could team up at 9Health Fair to have a table for senior health. Zoe will put Senior Reach contact info on Lyons Mental Health Initiative list of service providers.**

- LEAF mental health funding –LEAF is sending out a survey on needs, LEAF had pizza and pop meeting to introduce mental health services: community members took ownership of ideas. So far the community interest level is small but strong. A 12 week DBT group will begin in September.

- Lyons Mental Health Initiative - Special guest speaker Janaki Jane spoke at length about the mission of LMHI, the differences between LMHI and LEAF. LMHI will be a vocal advocate for Lyons and to seek out local, county, and beyond for funding to provide support for providing and creating a mental supported community.**Ellen Keane is researching** space at Lyons Community Church for pro-bono mental health, maybe one professional in town will take medicaid.

- Suicide prevention month **September: Many More**

Tomorrows manymoretomorrow.org LOADS of events for people of all ages and stages.

- Survey from Town Staff about mobile clinic in Lyons – Rebecca Major from OUR Center (based on a Peak to Peak Human Services Task Force initiative) reached out to Lyons Town Hall, and Town sent out survey. What has worked in Nederand (will it work in Lyons and Allenspark?) : mobile dental and mammograms are being considered for mobile care. Maybe one location and Allenspark could come down to Lyons. **Should we go back to ideas brainstormed in the past that didn't work? 37 replies to survey already. Rebecca said could open up to Allenspark neighbors. Maybe survey at the 9Health Fair. How to get the word out to employees. Rebecca in touch with Erin Foudy foudyaz@yahoo.com admin@lyonschamber.org -**



Andrew said the Elementary School has vision, dental, and hearing screenings. **Andrew Moore will send out links to LEAF & OUR Centersurveys, and 9Health Fair to school/parents email list.**

- Little Library of medical supplies suggestions on Lyons Facebook group – let it happen organically in the community - maybe vending machines could be an option for Lyons.

The Lyons Medical Equipment Loan Closet in basement of Walt Self Community Building still exists and is used. Contact is Andrea Buus 303-641-6950 or lyonsloanclinet@gmail.com

- Any forward motion with UHealth brick and mortar operation in Lyons? **Who do we contact to follow up?**

2. Transportation

- The Mountain Community Volunteer Driver Program planning led by Boulder County [Mobility for All](#)

A total of 30 folks at last meeting. Garret, Lisa, (Town Staff), Vance French (town representative) and Rebecca Major went to meeting in Allenspark.

**TO DO: Helen needs Tammy Whinston's contact info – Kim or Amy will send to her
There will be a November meeting of this planning group in Lyons and the commission should help promote it.**

- Research Town Staff is doing about funding from Boulder County that can be used for [Ztrip](#) vouchers (how it worked in Longmont) Lisa talked to Michelle Waite with City of Longmont. – They have used Lyft/Uber vouchers but not ZTrip vouchers. Lisa is in contact with Charlie Vasquez of Boulder Z-trip to learn how it is set up. Did Longmont use Lyft or Uber instead? Alex Hyde Wright with Boulder County said there no hurry in getting money from the county, but commissioners do want to move forward as soon as possible.

TO DO: follow up with Lisa and see if she has everything she needs

TO DO: send an email to Angel and Lisa and connect them.

**Who will be available to represent Lyons for the November transportation meeting in Lyons?
Rebecca will attend, Lory with LEAF will attend, possible other Board members from LEAF as well as community**

3. Housing

- Habitat for Humanity- *two duplexes completed. Groups that want to volunteer on final building can contact Rebecca Shannon, Community Engagement Manager, Habitat for Humanity of the St. Vrain Valley, at 303-682-2485. Individuals can sign up for work days in Lyons at <https://www.stvrainhabitat.org/flood-repair-volunteer-opportunities>*

- Summit Housing Group proposal for Lyons Valley Park - no new information



- How can we fund a program like the Larimer County "HomeShare" roommate matching from Neighbor to Neighbor <https://www.n2n.org> that matches seniors and people looking for places to rent. A "use at your own risk" facebook group like Lyons Rides already exists: Lyons Colorado For Rent Facebook page. Support services would be need. ***Suggested to start with inquiries on who needs this roommate matching service in Lyons – who would take advantage of it. Ask on social media, meals on wheels.***

4. Youth & senior services

- New library
- Tammy Whinston would like to schedule a transportation session during a senior lunch
- Neighbor to Neighbor – see notes above in Housing section
- Lyons Leos expressed an active interest in the efforts towards Lyons Mental Health Initiative, such as Safe Talk
- [Funding opportunity: supporting older adults in Denver metro region](#)
- **TO DO: Helen needs Tammy Whinston's contact info related to Volunteer Drive Program planning for mountain communities – Kim or Amy will send to her**

5. Diversity, inclusivity, cultural issues

- Lyons Pride Parade next year? ***-Lyons Mental Health Initiative is planning Pride events for Pride Month, June 2020 – plan to talk to Lyons Board of Trustees at the beginning of year to request support for Pride Month. Housing & Human Services Commission might want to join in the ask.***

6. Next Month

- Invite Ztrip and county representatives to get Town Staff and County Staff info they need to a voucher program up and running prior to the start of the cold season.

Amy reviewed the changes to last months minutes. Minutes approved by Ellen and seconded by Amy.
All in favor 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm