

## CHAC Monthly Meeting

February 10, 2017  
Durango Recreation Center

### Attendees:

Samantha Holiday, CHC	Kari Plante, SJBPH
Sherrod Beall, SW Open School	Shannon Shropshire, SJBPH
Tamara Jessup, Comfort Keepers	Laura Schiavone, Durango 9R
Lynn Westberg, CHAC Board	Victoria Garcia, Axis/LPIH/Homeless Program
Lauri Costello	Debbie Higgs, Axis/LPIH/Comm. Hlth Worker
Linda Daniel	Christie Schler, MRMC
Lon Erwin, CHAC Board	Brittany Brumfield, Axis/Senior Reach
Brandy Wright, 4CHCC	Ryan Garcia, Planned Parenthood
Bob Cox, ACP	Brandi Lucero, Planned Parenthood
Dave Rich, Seniors Outdoors	pattie adler, CHAC
Eileen Wasserbach, SUCAP	Kathy Sherer, CHAC

### CHAC Announcements

#### Advance Care Planning Initiative

Bob reported on ACP progress. Two trainings are coming up – Feb. 28 and March 9. We have 17 volunteer speakers already, and we have 24 Personal Resource Specialists (PRS) who will meet with and counsel community members on a one-on-one basis. A CME program will be held at MRMC and all medical providers will be invited to come and be trained on ACP and advance directives. Community presentations will begin this spring. MRMC, SJBH, Axis, and the Senior Center are partner organizations who are offering in-kind support with PRS staff. Many other individuals, not associated with an organization, will be in PRS roles.

#### Annual Meeting Feedback

Eileen W. reported that the Board met informally after the Annual Meeting to discuss our advocacy role, and they decided to invite members to let a board member know about political issues of interest. The Board will then decide if we want to take a position on that issue and what that position will be. Political issues can also be posted in the CHAC Connection. The Board has a planning meeting coming up and will talk more about what this will look like and report back to CHAC participants at the March 10 monthly meeting.

### Presentation

Ryan Garcia and Brandi Lucero from Planned Parenthood's Responsible Sex Education Institute (Durango office) gave a presentation called *I Stand with Planned Parenthood*.

Mission: "Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains empowers individuals and families in the communities we serve to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health by providing high quality health services, comprehensive sex education, and strategic advocacy."

Abortion makes up only 3% of the services they provide. Other services may include STI testing and treatment, birth control, vaccines, HIV testing and prevention, wellness checks, and sexual education. Each PP provides different services.

Federal funding is not allowed to go toward abortion services. ~30 – 40% of PP funding comes through Medicaid. If a client isn't eligible for Medicaid, they would need to contact their insurance provider or pay on a sliding scale. PP is in danger of having Medicaid funding cut which would affect all its services.

What can we do to help?

1. Visit [www.plannedparenthoodaction.org](http://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org) or [www.istandwithplannedparenthood.org](http://www.istandwithplannedparenthood.org)
2. Change your profile picture on social media
3. Text PPACT to 22422 to receive updates
4. Donate time or funds at [www.PPRM.org](http://www.PPRM.org)
5. Host events and fundraisers
6. Contact your representatives
7. Correct misinformation with those in your personal and professional lives

Ideas from attendees:

Attend presentations/meetings, educate yourself and others, and get involved. Some organizations to get involved with might be: Indivisible Durango, Progressive Women, First 100 Days, fivecalls.org, 4calliancefordiversity.org and MoveOn.org. Information on transgender meetings/trainings can be found at TGRCNM.org.

## **Networking**

Kari Plante: The City of Durango decided to put the fluoride issue to a vote, so it will be on the ballot in April. The questions are very confusing so please read them carefully. Please contact Kari at [kplante@sjbhd.org](mailto:kplante@sjbhd.org) for more information.

Sherrod Beall: There is a group to promote Universal Health Care in Colorado; there will be monthly meetings to get the facts out. They will be asking for CHAC's support.

Shannon Shropshire: The Health Dept. is starting to work on their next Community Health Assessment. One of the tools they are using to collect data is called "Every Day Colorado" – an environmental prioritization tool.

Bob Cox: Bob warned about using labels such as "Republican" and "Democrat" as they may be polarizing and distract from helpful discourse. Instead, he suggested discussing perspectives about health topics without those labels. It could turn people off who would otherwise want to get involved.

**The next membership meeting is scheduled for March 10 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at the Rec. Center.**

Meeting notes submitted by Kathy Sherer & pattie adler