

CHAC Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2018
Durango Recreation Center

Attendees:

Eileen Wasserbach, SUCAP; CHAC Board	Amber Blake, City of Durango
Lynn Westberg, CHAC Board	Sarah Dodson, City of Durango
Bob Cox, physician, "My Life" Co-Lead	Barb Cannon, VITA
Vic Lopez, physician, CHAC Board	Matt Nesbitt, SUCAP
Sara Alden, MRMC	Debra Herrera, SUCAP
Morgan Williams, MRMC	Stuart Jenkins, Senator Bennet's Office
Helen Griego, MRMC	Kathy Robbins, Comfort Keepers
Margaret Martin, Indivisible Durango	pattie adler, CHAC
Christie Schler, MRMC, CHAC Board	Kathy Sherer, CHAC
Anne Dizenzo, Axis	

"My Life: Deciding in Advance" (Advance Care Planning) – Bob Cox

We have had 3 presentations since the last meeting that have reached 121 people. The "long" presentation at the First United Methodist Church was videotaped and is on the CHAC website. We will be meeting with all the Mercy primary care practices soon. Another open, large educational community event will be held April 28 at the Durango library from 9:00 a.m. to noon; more information will be coming soon.

The Transportation Connection – Amber Blake, Assistant Manager, City of Durango
(Amber's PowerPoint presentation is attached and on the CHAC website)

Definitions: "Transit" is the moving from point A to B; "transportation" includes various modes of travel/movement i.e. public, private, local, regional. Benefits of Public Transit: ability to age in place; social connection vs. social isolation, community health and vitality, and access and mobility.

State grant funding has decreased so Trolley service will be changing beginning May 7. Transit Reductions: eliminate Three Springs/Mercy route; eliminate Crestview/160 route; reconfigure FLC Route (does not impact the Dial-A-Ride Opportunity Bus).

Refined Transit Service: Trolley, Wal-Mart and FLC routes; 30-minute headways; 7-days a week year round; increased Opportunity Bus service; Road Runner (SUCAP) partnership to fill in route to and from Mercy/Three Springs. A final schedule is attached to these notes as a press release.

Engage with us in our community's future and take our Community Satisfaction Survey at www.durangogov.org/engage

The City is holding four Community Forums to get input about the City's 2019 budget. The next (2nd of 4) Forum will be April 16 at City Hall from 5-7 p.m.

Matt Nesbitt talked about the Road Runner schedule. The Bayfield bus goes to Durango 3 times per day. The Aztec to Ignacio bus goes 3 times per day. Ignacio to Durango goes 5 times per day. Deb Herrera said the Ignacio Senior Center takes seniors and disabled people to medical appointments. The van driver can accompany people to their appointments if needed and is trained to do so. On Mondays there is a bus that

goes to Wal-Mart. The Stageliner to Grand Junction (through Telluride) leaves at 7:00am from the Transit Center and arrives in GJ at 12:45pm. Dial-A-Ride is available within three miles of Ignacio.

Updates and Networking

Margaret Martin – Guinn Unger is running for Colorado State Senate against Don Coram in District 6. Guinn is petitioning onto the ballot. To sign a petition contact margaret.durango@gmail.com or 970-799-2314. A march and rally for gun control, *March for Our Lives*, is happening on March 24 at 1:00. It will go from the high school to Rotary Park. It's sponsored by Durango High students and Indivisible Durango's Gun Safety group.

Vic Lopez – *Our Place* is closing the end of March due to lack of funding and a small number of clients. They are looking for another way of providing adult respite care.

Stuart Jenkins – Senator Bennet's office is seeking feedback as they develop legislation to improve price transparency in the healthcare market to help lower costs. They are seeking responses to a dozen questions. A bi-partisan letter was sent to a range of stakeholders. Stuart will send the letter to pattie to get out to the group.

pattie adler – CHAC and the Behavioral Health Team have selected Social Connectedness as the next community need to work on. The Team has been collecting data and discussing ideas for a grant that will be submitted in early June to the Community Health Foundation. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 27, 3:00 – 5:00 at the Senior Center.

Eileen Wasserbach – SUCAP is starting a new effort to find older people in rural areas who have fallen through the cracks, are isolated and need assistance. It's funded by the Next 50 Foundation and begins on April 1.

The next monthly CHAC meeting is scheduled for April 13 at the Durango Rec. Center. A presentation about successful community collaborations (Doug McCarty, The Commonwealth Fund) and the Accountable Health Communities Model (Laura Warner, SJBPH) will be given.

Meeting notes submitted by Kathy Sherer with minor additions by pattie adler