

CHAC Monthly Meeting
January 11, 2019
Durango Recreation Center

Attendees:

Mattie Baker, Area Agency on Aging	Bob Cox, semi-retired physician
Helen Griego, MPMC	Scott Wallace, CHAC Board
Elsa Inman, MPMC	Sienna Hunter, Axis - LPIH
Missy Neagos, MPMC	James Burpee, retired physician
Kari Plante, SJBPH	Erin Youngblood, Comfort Keepers
Vicki Maestas, LPC Senior Services	Hana Mueller, Sunshine Gardens
Sheila Casey, LPC Senior Services & CHAC Board	Gordon South, SW Ctr for Independence
Eileen Wasserbach, SoCoCAA & CHAC Board	Kathy Sherer, CHAC & pattie adler, CHAC

CHAC Updates

- Since there is no grant now, CHAC staff are working only very minimally during January to maintain basic functions such as today's meeting. Notes from monthly meetings will not include details of presentations, but Powerpoints will be posted on the CHAC website (www.chaclaplata.org). The Annual Meeting next month will be very participatory to discuss the future of CHAC without current funding nor paid staff. The minimal staff tasks are supported by your membership dues so thank you. Please (re)new your membership for 2019.
- Our annual meeting will be February 8 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Durango Rec Center.

Presentation (please see the attached Powerpoint which also will be posted on the CHAC website):
"No Wrong Door" program at the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging – by Mattie Baker, Program Manager/NWD Lead Program.Manager@sibaaa.org 264-0501 x4

Note: Please add your agency, if interested, to the Network of Care by contacting Mattie.

Advocacy

Gordon South announced that Jan. 15 (noon – 3:00) is the 25th anniversary of the Disability Integration Act. The SW Center for Independence will be holding a celebration including a live feed of the reintroduction of the Act in Washington DC and more. More information is attached.

Updates and Networking

Mattie Baker – The Area Agency on Aging has vouchers for dental and vision care for those 60+. Another program helps people who need assistance with two or more ADLs to get support. There also is funding for adult respite care.

Elsa Inman – The Hospital Transformation Program is a five year program through Colorado's Health Care Policy & Financing Dept. Hospitals that receive "provider fees" from uncompensated indigent care should participate; all 17 Centura hospitals are involved. It will impact future reimbursements. Elsa is leading Mercy's effort. There needs to be an "alliance" or "coalition" to provide community input about reducing costs and improving patient care. So far, she's met with organizations, but there isn't an existing group that

can serve as this coalition so she'll soon be developing one of both leaders and service delivery people. Contact Elsa at elsainman@centura.org to learn more and/or become involved.

There was extensive discussion about recent MPMC staff cuts, Centura's new policy that services must have at least a deposit paid ahead of time and other changes. Elsa did not know much information because her position has not been involved, but said that a "public newsletter" will be issued soon from the hospital.

Gordon South – A Transportation Forum will be held on Jan. 28 (5 – 7 pm) at the Durango Library. This affects accessibility to health care for many people. More information is attached. Information also is attached about a workshop on Jan. 23 (8 - noon) for farm and ranch families who are dealing with barriers created by illnesses, conditions, injuries or limitations. It will be at Pueblo Community College on Hwy 160.

Kari Plante – Comfort Dental has opened and provides adult Medicaid oral health services. It's in the old Louisa's, just north of Wal Mart. (1125 Camino del Rio #300C); 259-4324. Drs. Crandall and Myers are the dentists. <https://comfortdental.com/dentist-durango/>. It's the first local dental office that is a franchise.

She also told us that Senator Ben Cardin (Md.) has introduced S. 22, the Medicare Dental Benefit Act of 2019 that would, if enacted, allow older adults and people with disabilities to access their oral healthcare as they do medical care i.e. through Medicare. Oral Health America provided this information.

Eileen Wasserbach – SoCoCAA is working on opening a child care center. Please contact SoCoCAA if you know of a family that may need this. There are limited substance abuse services in Ignacio i.e court monitoring, but future services remain unclear. Contact Dr. Carole Veloso at the Tribal Health Center (563-0100) for more information.

Scott Wallace – Coordination of care is important; work is happening within the community to develop a mapping tool to provide technological information exchange to facilitate this.

Jim Burpee – the Man2Man Prostate Support Group will be having a presentation about Advance Care Planning at its Feb. meeting; the speaker will be a volunteer from our recent ACP initiative.

Hana Mueller – Sunshine Gardens is accepting Medicaid again. Contact her at (217) 220-1105 for information.

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Meeting notes submitted by pattie adler