

CHAC Monthly Meeting
August 9, 2019
Durango Recreation Center

Attendees:

Kari Plante, SJBPH	Scott Wallace, CHAC Board
Kate Hartzell, SWCAHEC	Lynn Westberg, CHAC Board
Mary Frey, SWCAHEC	Debbie Higgs, CHAC Board
Guinn Unger, Healthcare Durango	Eileen Wasserbach, CHAC Board
Nolan Tarkington, ASH	Kathy Sherer, CHAC
Nicole Roberts, Mercy	
Morgan Kennedy, Mercy	
Terry Jacobsen, Comfort Keepers	
Missy Neagos, Mercy	
Kim Chism, Front Range Clinic	

Board Update

A Steering Committee and a Speakers Bureau are being formed to address social isolation. The first Steering Committee meeting will take place August 21, noon to 1:30, at LPEA (room off front lobby). A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Kathy at kathy@chacaplata.org if you would like to attend.

Please pay your individual and/or organizational dues and additional donations, if possible, as they make a difference more than ever – thank you.

Centura Financial Clearance Policy – Nicole Roberts and Morgan Kennedy from Mercy Patient Access All Centura hospitals have adopted new billing and financial policies to help patients understand their healthcare coverage. Mercy will never turn a patient away, but they do want to educate them about costs. For assistance with estimates, call the Health Benefit Advisor at 970-274-4311. For assistance with payment plans or other general questions, call the Financial Counselor at 970-764-2380. The Billing and Financial Policies brochure is attached with these minutes.

Updates, Networking and Events

Kim Chism

Kim is the office manager for the Front Range Clinic that opened in Durango in January. This is an out-patient drug and alcohol addiction recovery facility doing medication-assisted treatment. To celebrate International Overdose Awareness Day, they are having an event at Buckley Park on September 7 from 1-3 PM. If you would like to have a booth, please contact Kim at kchism@frontrangeclinic.com.

Missy Neagos

The LINK program was absorbed by Mercy July 1st. Behavioral health services will begin to be offered in September.

Kari Plante

Kari is retiring from SJBPH the end of August. Congrats, Kari!

Eileen Wasserbach

Southern Colorado Community Action Agency has hired an MST (Multi-Systemic Therapy) Supervisor and is continuing to recruit therapists to complete the MST Team. All organizations working with families in La Plata and Archuleta Counties are invited to a Stakeholder meeting at 1:30 PM on Friday, October 4 at the La Plata County DHS Conference Room.

Guinn Unger

Healthcare Durango is holding an event called *Medicare For All* on August 31, 3-5 PM at the library.

Mary Frey

SWCAHEC is holding a Mini Med School with 8 sessions beginning September 4, 7-8:30 PM in the Commons Building. This is free and open to everyone. Tentative topics are: How to Talk with Your Doctor; Immunization; Infectious Disease; Opioids; and Suicide.

The next CHAC meeting is scheduled for September 13, 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the Durango Rec. Center
Dr. Caplin from Four Corners Ketamine Center will be talking to us about their treatments.

Meeting notes submitted by Kathy Sherer