



Housing and Human Services Commission

TOWN OF LYONS

1/14/20 meeting

I. **Welcome / introductions / roll call**

Commissioners in attendance: Amy Reinholds (Acting Chair), Meg Waters (Scribe), Crystal White, Ellen Keane

Liaison: Lisa Ramsey (Town of Lyons Staff)

Others in attendance: Helen Vanderwerken (Boulder County Area Agency on Aging)

II. **Transportation**

- zTrip Voucher Program
 - (Lisa Ramsey) Now it is delayed. Even though zTrip meets state PUC regulations, Boulder County does not approve of the zTrip insurance policy. Currently, zTrip drivers must have \$500,000 in insurance coverage; Boulder County requires \$1 million. Boulder County will require zTrip to cover liabilities between \$500,000 and \$1 million before the county will sign the contract.
 - (Lisa) She is working with the Town of Lyons lawyer. Perhaps the town could contract with zTrip and Boulder County could fund the town for this program? Such a program would probably require town staff to coordinate.
 - (Lisa) The town is not currently promoting the program because of this snag.
 - (Lisa) Assuming we get the program back on track, Boulder County wants the program to focus on people in need, with town staff determining who's in need. (Doesn't necessarily need to be income-based.)
 - (Lisa) RTD has reached out to the county, looking for ways to supplement bus service. Maybe RTD could help fund this program?
 - (Helen Vanderwerken) The earliest bus in the morning and latest in the afternoon are getting the ax.

III. **Vulnerable population**

- (Lisa) Linda Lee is now at the front desk at town hall. Lisa has the vulnerable population list.
- (Amy Reinholds) We should be updating it and continue promoting it, asking when people sign up for utilities, plus regularly giving the list to the fire and sheriff's department.
- (Lisa) Will ask Brandi whether utilities customers are receiving notifications about the list. She will also research whether people are signing up for the list, whether there's a spreadsheet somewhere, etc.



- (Helen Vanderwerken) Boulder County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has a new program — Eldershare Meals — providing nonperishable food to seniors ages 60 and older. Eligibility is income-based; most seniors on a fixed income should qualify. Meals will be delivered to Walt Self, maybe every other week. Starting late January/early February.

IV. Goodwill Fund

- (Ellen Keane) The Goodwill Fund has been promoted in an eblast. Deadline is March 1. Applications should come to Lisa.
- (Lisa) She doesn't have any 2020 applications yet.
- (Lisa) We need reports from the people who received funds last year, explaining how they've spent those funds. Due March 1.
- (Ellen) Perhaps she, Wendy, and Patty should be the Goodwill Fund board? Agenda item for next month: Discuss who is on Goodwill Fund decision-making board.
- Applicants must be nonprofits or similar organizations with a presence in Lyons/80540 zip code.

V. Goals for 2020

- Publicize vulnerability list to seniors at Walt Self lunches
- Publicize other human services programs at senior lunches
- Continue working with group that does *pro bono* mental health (private practitioners). Space is the biggest issue in Lyons. Working with LEAF on this...
- Try to bring medical care back to town. Explore all options. (Example: Sara Hart/Stillwater has space for a medical practitioner; maybe a different specialty every week?)
- Continue to work with Wide Spaces (Janaki Jane's group).
- Find ways for all members of the community to feel included.
- Nutrition for seniors: continue coordination with Boulder County AAA
 - Non-perishable deliveries to Walt Self
 - Mom's Meals (per Lynette Anderson)
- Encourage programs that help seniors stay in their homes or share with housemates.
- Get data from LEAF on trends (housing, etc.)
- Needs assessment
- Affordable housing research – CU Boulder?
- Clean out medical equipment loan closet – Coordinate with Andrea Buus & Lyons Volunteers
- New print and online Get Help Guide
- Scholarship fund for seniors wanting to go on town outings



VI. Accomplishments from 2019

- zTrip voucher program funded by Boulder County (almost there!)
- Working with LEAF for mental health services
- Working with Boulder County Mobility for All to help get a volunteer driver program going (Lyons had most participation of mountain communities)
- School working on summer program for youth, in coordination with town parks
- Funding for Goodwill Fund programs — LEAF, library's mental health program
- Coordination with senior meals, BoCo AAA, OUR Center, LEAF

VII. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- Minutes are approved 4-0

VIII. Action items

- Lisa Ramsey: Will work on finalizing zTrip voucher program.
- Lisa: Will inquire about status of vulnerable population list.
- Meg Waters: When voucher program is finalized, Meg will write a new article for the Lyons Recorder.
- Meg: Write article with update on vulnerable population list. Also mention KnoxBoxes – talk to JJ. Clarify that no one is calling to tell people on the list about an emergency; instead, the public safety officers will have a list of people who need extra assistance in an emergency.
- Lisa: Blurb about vulnerable population list for newsletter that mails with utility bill, *and* town eblast.
- Amy Reinholds: Look into rescheduling meetings at a time when Lory Barton can attend.

IX. Adjournment