

Bailey Senior small group meeting notes

Meeting date: Wednesday, November 28, 2018

In attendance: Jim Glenn, Suzi Glenn, Betty Rose Powell, Charlotte Wytias, Vince Ventimiglia, Mary Anne Wesoloski. Claire Hicks could not attend due to work conflict

Updates: There are letters in support of a Bailey Senior Center from multiple entities to give to commissioners and other stakeholders.

Silverset (comprising of at least 50 senior families) may not have the capacity to take on the whole initiative at this time.

Immediate needs- Transportation. Jim stated the biggest complaint the group has heard is transportation. John Brian in Georgetown has done some things with transportation. Vince from Evergreen Senior Resource Center was in attendance today and may be able to offer transportation options. Vince: a bus under a SRC umbrella grant is serving Clear Creek area. Bailey may be able to partner with SRC. SRC is ready to partner now. They do not go any further south than Bailey. The model may be by apt only.

Georgetown is run 3x/week. They can go down to Denver. Vince- they go to many areas- St Anthony's Swedish, Lutheran, dialysis centers, ARC, VA-Golden, etc.

Transportation services for Bailey residents were cut about 1½ years ago though no one at the meeting knew why.

If we are able to secure a transportation source we need to get the word out- places of worship, food pantries, HOA's, Silverset, other?

Agenda Items:

1)Who are we? We are a non-profit (advocacy group and?) central clearinghouse for Bailey area senior resources.

We want to find out what the local resources are, coordinate them in a user-friendly way, and communicate these to our population. User friendly may include establishing a senior helpline from which callers are then referred to appropriate help, hard copy paper resources at the BSC and places seniors gather, eventual online web site with navigation links to appropriate resources. Establish programs at a future Bailey Senior Center (BSC) to support the mission of the organization (see below).

Name: Friends of Bailey Seniors

2) Mission, Vision statements

Mission Statement: The Friends of Bailey Seniors' mission is to maximize physical, mental, and emotional well being in the Bailey area senior population.

Vision: Coordination of care: "Bailey area seniors will successfully find and access the community resources they need to maximize their sense of health and well-being."

Beliefs: Independence

Dignity

Resource coordination

Quality of life

3) Dedicated space for Bailey seniors- continue the work in drafting the "ask" to stakeholders. Schedule our mission and ask presentation first to the Senior Coalition, then schedule presentation to the BOCC (Park County Board of County

Commissioners). Include: Charlotte Wytias, Mary Anne Wesoloski, Jim Glenn, others too? Should we wait till New BOCC is sworn in to present?

4) Ideas for a framework to coordinate and deliver services to seniors

Priorities- We spoke of transportation

Educate Seniors on transportation options

Provide social events

Help Seniors in need find assistance

Resources- per above Evergreen SRC

Framework to be continued- perhaps a model with the senior individual in the center surrounded by “pie slices” under major headings discussed at the last large meeting on the white board: Transportation, food security, housing security, physical health, mental health, social/emotional health, education, safety.

5) Action items:

- 1) Send out meeting notes to the whole group before next week’s meeting on December 4th.
- 2) Small group visits the Evergreen SRC Friday, November 30th to look at the Evergreen model.
- 3) Collect all letters of support and draft statements for Commissioners/stakeholders.
- 4) Continue dialogue regarding transportation
- 5) Find volunteer grant seekers and writers

Committees:

Committee to canvas community to find existing resources

Committee to draft the ask- County Commissioners, Senior Coalition of Park County
- Jim Glenn, Charlotte Wytias, Mary Anne Wesoloski

Communication Committee for PR and Outreach

Adopt a Senior