

Community Voice Minutes 2/12/18

The Community Voice of Dove Creek Minutes

Monday, February 12, 2018-5:30-8:00 P.M. Ol' Pinon Building

Desired Outcomes: Debrief Youth Forum, Presentation for Marketing Strategies Facilitation

Roles: Kim Alexander, Chair-Ellen Warren and Robbie Nelson, Co-Vice Chair-Lois Oliver, Treasurer

Staff: Ronda Lancaster, Community Coordinator- Heather Nielson, Community Outreach-Lindsay Cressler, Office/Meeting Assistant

Present: Chelsea Garchar

Dinner, Greetings, Introductions

Agenda Approval: Ellen made the motion to approve the agenda.

Motion__Ellen Warren__ Second__Lois Oliver__

Yes__4__ No_0__ Abstain_____

Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2018 Lois made the motion to approve the minutes with changes being made.

Motion_Lois Oliver__ Second_Dessie Watkins__

Yes__4__ No_0__ Abstain_____

Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2018 Ellen made the motion to approve the minutes with changes being made.

Motion__Ellen Warren__ Second__Lois Oliver__

Yes__4__ No_0__ Abstain_____

Cindy Dvergsten, Whole New Concepts, Inc.

Marketing Strategy Facilitation Presentation- Cindy was not able to attend our meeting. However, Cindy sent a quick email to Lois with some questions she would like the resident team to answer. The questions Cindy sent were for more information, so that she can have a better understanding on where The Community Voice is coming from to write up in her presentation. Cindy also stated that she is more competent at marketing strategy, than she is at branding. To everyone's knowledge no organization has had a marketing or branding study done for the town of Dove Creek or Dolores County. Lois is hoping that Cindy will be here for the meeting on February 26th.

Cindy's questions she emailed Lois will be taken home, and each person will think and answer their questions. If each person wants to answer on the hard copy, please return them to the office.

Skyler Brill- Exchange Student Presentation- The Resident Team felt that we need to wait to make a decision until Skyler is here to make her presentation. Chelsea brought up the topic that maybe Skyler can look into scholarships to attend her foreign exchange program. The Resident Team feels that the Harvard Leadership is a better match for what fits our guidelines.

Funding Needs

Motion to table this for now. Ellen made the motion to table this topic

Motion__Ellen Warren__ Second__Lois Oliver__
Yes__4__ No_____ Abstain_____

Debrief Youth Forum- Ellen was amazed at how uncomfortable the kids were at first. However, having their mentors here helped them out. Ellen then talked about the youth not wanting to do any more surveys.

Dessie was impressed at the last 30 minutes, the youth really opened up. There was a process before the kids really got involved.

Kim talked to her daughter about the Youth Forum. Kim's daughter suggested to her mom that our wording needs to be brought to more a "youth friendly" version. Kim thinks we need smaller groups for the kids. The youth did appreciate the food.

Lois was impressed with how so many of the youth spoke and how well they spoke. Lois brought up what Cecil said to each of the youth as a group. How important Cecil's wording was, and how engaged the youth became with that.

Chelsea shared that she could feel the angst with the youth. Chelsea brought up that maybe the youth need more options at school as far as their public speaking to help them overcome their fears.

Ronda shared that there were 16 youth and 24 adults present. Ronda feels that at our future meetings, we need to not have as many adults. Ronda expressed that we need to have another meeting as quickly as we can. The information is fresh in the youth's minds.

Health Equity Plan Draft-

Critical Thinking- 5 minutes each- 3 minute questions

Kim Alexander- Ronda and Kim had a meeting with CNDC about the Youth Voice. CNDC is going to have some requirements since we will be working with the youth. There will be background checks on the people that deal with the youth on a frequent basis. There will be two people at all times with the youth. Dessie brought up the fact that we need to have a designated person for the youth to go home with.

Heather Nielson- Heather brought up that at the youth forum, when the question about the surveys came up, a youth participant contradicted themselves by the way he/she answered. The next topic Heather brought up that if we had a Youth Voice, there could possibly be a positive outcome with their summer time choices. That if the students are doing the research and helping, that they are less likely to make poor choices because of boredom. Heather feels like we could focus more of our planning and meeting time could be during the summer, and that during the school year, it could be a once a month type meeting.

Lois Oliver- Lois missed the town workshop. Lois will be going to the DCDC meeting on Wednesday. She will be putting together some updates about what Community Voice is doing, and hopefully Cindy will have some answers for the Marketing Strategies, also.

Chelsea Garchar- Chelsea grew up in Durango. Her great grandparents came from Germany. Chelsea has two children, ages 2 and 4. She became an E.M.T. She has a teaching certificate degree where she can work pre school and younger. Chelsea met her husband, Levi, through a friend and the friend's parents.

Ellen Warren- Ellen things we need to elaborate on the Youth Voice. To remember that we need to guide them, but let the youth actually run it. Find out what the youth are interested in for their projects, whether it is one big project or more smaller projects.

Dessie Watkins- Dessie went back to when we had the substance abuse meeting. Dessie was asking if anyone found out if there was anybody that found out the resources that are available. Ronda answered with the fact that there will be card made with names and numbers that could be available.

Adjournment Lois made the motion to adjourn this meeting.

Motion_Lois Oliver____ Second__Kim Alexander____

Yes__4__ No__0__ Abstain_____