

Community Meeting on Health and Human Services

January 27, 2016, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Strengths:

- Western CO political representatives
- Strong Independent people
- Facilities: Snow Mountain Ranch, Rec Center, Cross country trails
- Community Engagement
- Number of Non-profits-187
- High Quality EMS
- Kremmling Memorial Hospital has skilled care nurses, physical therapy, in-patient

Gaps:

- Lower efficiency with administrative overhead
- Number of staff to meet need when census goes up
- Funding to pay competitive salary
- Long term care on the east end of the county
- Zero coordination for respite
- Dialysis or Chemotherapy
- Accessibility of nonprofits
- Lack of utilization of volunteers
- Expand services and employees
- Little time to address shortages
- Communication Gap

Action Points:

- Increase Tax base
- Expand or export tax liability to visitors
- Economic Development
- Expand Hospital District
- Bring Patient to services
-Vehicle/Driver
- Stay in hospital longer
- EMS to check on patients
- What are other rural communities doing?
-San Juan-private

-NWCOVNA—co-located in Routt County with multiple services under one organization.

- Nurse to educate Family to be care-giver and family receive reimbursement
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) classes to grow our own aides (through CO Mountain College)
- Put Home Health and Hospice license “on hold” – for a year until we can figure out a solution
- Health Services District
- Transportation
- Healthcare Educational Facility
- Utilize youth population
- Kremmling Memorial Hospital has in-patient, swing beds, and long-term care. Need to communicate
- Impact Fee for new property to pay for health and human services
- Employee Wellness Program begins 2/18
- Prevention/Advocacy
- Tax marijuana in county
- Patient navigators to be more involved in direct care plan and transportation to KMH
- Implement a CNA program at High School
- County-wide Co-Op for health insurance
- Universal insurance at state level
- Useful public service hours for high school kids. Use volunteer hours from county jail and state inmates

\$2,000 donated by Eden Recor and Grand County Internet to pay for Facilitator for future meetings so these meetings can start immediately. Total cost may be upwards of \$10,000.

Questions raised to follow up on:

- How long is short term for VNA covering Hospice?
- How long can licenses be put “on ice” until a new Home Health or Hospice organization can start?

Comments/Questions not addressed from Ideas/Concerns baskets:

- The NWCOVNA has been successful in their efforts. What can our community do to replicate their model? What lessons can we learn from them?
- Bring Wellness to employees in the workplace—stephanie.hammar@healthlinks.org
- Question for County Commissioners: How are the sales tax from Grand County allocated? For example, where does the outrageous tax money from marijuana sales go to. Is it distributed statewide? I would think we could benefit from the huge amount of money brought in the county.
- Makes resources more available and attainable—better marketing!

- Long-term care for Grand County Residents
- Citizens NEED home health and hospice!!!
- Remarks from Larry Benson: During my mom's last year of life, she received some very good care from home health and hospice care at Kremmling Memorial. These kinds of services should continue to be available right here in the county. I am very concerned about the county decision to defund home health.
- We have transitional care and extended care in Kremmling that is not fully utilized. Seems like the Rural Health Network was not aware of this. This is a gap. To talk about extended care not being in East Grand seems like we should be filling the center in the county that already exists. Work together to not duplicate the service and have everyone aware of what we can already provide would be more efficient. We provide physical therapy services but not occupational therapy because we cannot find an occupational therapist. Maybe we can use the unemployed occupational therapist from Home Health.