

Boulder Transitional Advisory Committee (BTAC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 4, 2021

The BTAC Zoom meeting called to order by Drew Dawson with Tom Harrington, Diana McFarland, Alison Richardson, LaDana Hintz, Bruce Binkowski, Jan Zeitlow, Eric Seidensticker, Barb Reiter, Bob Mullen, Cory Kirsch, David Butler, Leonard Wortman, Sally Buckles, Mandy Haller, Rhonda Craft, Terry Minow, Kerri Kumasaka, Rochelle Hesford, Connie Gruenz, Jan Anderson, Bryer Herak, Chris Lamoreaux. Phil Yanzick

Guests: Marta Bertoglio, Jim Buterbaugh, Edie McClafferty

February 2021 minutes were approved.

Information provided from area leadership and organizations:

- a. **Chamber** - Combined meeting with Marketing committee. Event planning still moving forward and subject to change. Ammon Building sold and waiting to see what new owners will do with fitness center, Chamber office and Gift Box. The 2021 budget has been approved.
- b. **Boulder Schools** - SMA Architects are putting together options for the school. Hosting spay & neuter clinic this month. Tim Norbeck has decided to stay as superintendent. BTAC sent a letter to the school board encouraging him to stay. No staff or students out due to COVID.
- c. **Boulder City** - Working on the budget.
- d. **Faith Group** - No report.
- e. **Elkhorn Community Foundation** - Grant application will possibly be out next month.
- f. **Jefferson County Commission** - MHP is most likely going to be using part of the MDC. They must be out of their current location by June so this will happen quickly. Still dealing with COVID issues. Gave funds to the Montana Rail Authority for a feasibility study to expand rail system.
- g. **County Events** - Fairgrounds in the process of some needed updates. Hope to have it complete by next month so we can possibly meet in person. Website for the fair and rodeo is in the works. Jefferson County radio is still airing high school sports. Acquired some grants to promote Boulder. Events moving ahead. Optimistic about Fair happening. Will need more volunteers and displays. Fundraising is underway for upgrading playground equipment on the fairgrounds. Have a \$10K matching grant. Bumper stickers and decals promoting Boulder are available for sale at the Gift Box. All sales go towards fundraiser.
- h. **IBC** - There are no plans to re-locate any of the clients.
- i. **YDI** - Closed campus almost completely full. Have had an influx of staff from Helena, but still can use more. Cemetery committee needs help maintaining the cemetery and YDI was very receptive to assisting.
- j. **JLDC** - Meat processing report is being finalized. Still working on options for Western Legacy Center. Conference telecommunications room at Borden's is almost complete. MDC tour given last week to the DOJ and it looks like the MHP will be re-locating to the MDC. They have laid out a timeline and are open to partnering with us. Not sure exactly which buildings they are going to need. They are bringing 25-40 employees. Working on a Master Plan for Whitehall. Working with GSM for job creation.
- k. **Riverside** - Presently in full process for vaccinations for Staff. FEMA training is currently underway. No COVID cases. Beds are full to capacity and operation is doing well.
- l. **Elkhorn Treatment** - No report.
- m. **Prevention** - Mental Health meets the 3rd Thurs of the month. Center for Mental Health is opening a Boulder location soon. There is a COVID health helpline on the radio. April is alcohol awareness month. March 11 there is a parenting class via zoom. Also, information on the Connect program will be available soon.

Boulder Child Care- Working with Headwaters on potential support for Childcare facilities.

Boulder Marketing Committee - Continuing work on the South Gateway sign and participants will pay to have their logos on it. Kiosk needs winterization and working with the builder to fix sealing. Website is going to be turned over to Boulder. Chamber is hosting three marketing classes in the Volunteer Hall. Time to be determined.

Legislative Meeting - Senator McClafferty and Representative Bertoglio reported on legislature at their month session and indicated they are in break getting ready to start the second half of the session. Sub-Committees are done so final budget will be out soon.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 am. Drew made a discussed having a hybrid-meeting (in person & zoom) for the April 1st at Volunteer Hall if room is ready. All in favor.