

Thrive! Coalition Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 24, 2014
UU Fellowship Hall 419 San Juan Dr. Durango

Present: Maureen & Paul Maliszewski, Betty Schwartz-Bozeman , Greg Felsen, Mia Carrasco-Songer

5:30 UPDATES

Mo met with:

Gwen Lachelt very supportive and interested in policy
Roseann McDermott, ED La Plata Family Centers Coalition – they are not paying LW to childcare workers in Bayfield. Not going to apply for Aspiring LW employer at this time.

Rachel Taylor, ED Habitat for Humanity and Becky Clausen, asst prof at FLC Sociology dept.
Both interested in research re LW issues

CYFMP. Following our meeting they met with County commissioners about CYFMP and mentioned Thrive! in particular

Green Drinks. Thrive will host in Feb

TERP invite mailing & response – we mailed about 150 letters. Following up with phone calls (still in process). Several applications received, several pending

Facebook – Greg will keep facebook updated

Animas High School: Math teacher, Kyle, contacted Mo re potential collaboration with his class which will be studying Wage Inequality and doing research

Animas HS internship program LINK: Mo contacted by email. They are interested in presenting Thrive to students for internship opportunities. Mo will meet with them Sept 30

FLC Art Dept will post poster offering interships for graphic art and website work

\$500 donation received from Boone Foundation and Kathleen Adams

Database- Mo and Tim are working on compiling a new database in Excel which will combine existing databases (contacts, businesses) and then move it into a Microsoft Access Database. Mo working on getting Access from Techsoup.

Jennifer Hartzog, a photographer/Videographer has joined the coalition and volunteer her skills
Yvonne has also joined the coalition is bilingual (English/Spanish)

6:00 Potluck Dinner – Great coleslaw, Greg.

6:30 Planning

- Website – Greg will maintain website. Will meet with Scott Kadera for mentoring re website
- TERP –
 - Darren submitted designs for window decals. We reviewed and discussed possible modification. Other printed items that will be needed are wall certificates, employee notice, cover letter to certified employers, cards for consumers to leave at certified businesses
 - Mo and Betty continue to work on contacting employers letters were sent to .
 - Mo will schedule TERP team meeting to review applications prior October Coalition Meeting
 - Certified Employers list and their profiles, website links to be added to our website. Profiles to include: description of the business, role in the community, why LW important, business contact info, logo, photo holding certificate.

- Find time period in early Nov to meet with certified business owners, take photos, etc.
- Promote Thrive! through Certified Businesses (their publications, websites, etc – esp Durango Magazine and the Telegraph)
- Media coverage
- Durango Farmers Market Table Oct 25 – need volunteers
- Winter Event- Mo asked people to think about what type of event we might have
- Brochures – it was suggested at the summer picnic that we distribute at Manna, Food stamp office, Axis, Commons Bldg – need volunteer to distribute. Mo took brochure to library and they call here re approval. they didn't call back.

Change Coalition meeting day to Tuesday? Mo will survey