

La Plata County THRIVE! LIVING WAGE COALITION
April 13 2015 Coalition meeting minutes

ATTENDANCE AND INTROS

Mia Carrasco-Songer, Steve Britain, Andrew Grimm Deputy Director LCHD, Brooke Frazer, Pat and Mike Rustad, Lauren Patterson, Maureen Maliszewski, Susana Jones, Betty Bozeman, Jenny Pritchard

UPDATES

Submitted LOI to Ben & Jerry Foundation

Mia resigned as coordinator TERP – has done a fantastic job. Brooke is taking over the position at 10 hours per week.

Tabling – June 6 Bayfield Yard Sale. June 13 – Durango’s Farmers Market. Aug 1 Bayfield Farmers Market. Thur evenings, Ignacio (check with chamber). Pat and Lauren volunteered to table at Durango Farmers Market

TERP update – approval of 3 TERP P&Ps. Betty, Lauren, Andy will review TERP P&Ps and get back to Mo within a week. Also 3 people on TERP Committee previously approved these. After hearing back from Betty, Lauren and Andy, Mo will send to SC for final approval.

Balance \$1900

SC meeting report reviewed - Email Steve Britain Copy of SC minutes.

La Plata County Economic Development Alliance Director, Roger Zalneraitis, contacted Thrive! about organizing a workshop for employer who are not but would like to pay their employees a living wage. Mo will meet with Roger in May to discuss this further.

Janel Bailey, Community Organizer with Interfaith Worker Justice will visit Durango July 28 – 29. We discussed how Janel might best spend her time here related to Thrive! Suggestions – meeting/discussion with interfaith groups Churches (Methodist, Lutheran, CCC) while she is here. Ask Janel for recommendation re what type of program we might do while she is here.

PRESENTATION

Summary of the ASSETS Survey presented by Lauren

DISCUSSION

Fundraising Committee – The SC suggested that we form a fundraising committee. No one at the coalition meeting volunteered, but agreed to think about it or others who might be interested

Next meeting will be at Fassbinder Park at 5:30pm, Tuesday May 5

Coalition members to think about vision and focus for Thrive! in the next 18 months. Also need to do long-term planning re TERP. This will be our discussion topic at the next meeting.

Pat and Mike Rustad attended today's meeting and left near the end of meeting and then remaining members recommended that they be on the Steering Committee and stay actively involved with the Coalition. (beyond the Steering Committee)

A question was asked if Thrive! is considering applying for 501 (c) (3) status. Rational against this was presented: lots of work, record keeping, and expense. We are a project with a potential endpoint and, therefore, do not need to be an ongoing non-profit organization.

A concern was raised about a potential gap in communication between the Steering Committee and the rest of the Coalition. Suggested that SC members attend Coalition Meetings regularly. Mo will be studying and contemplating coalition structure over the next couple weeks.