

San Miguel Unmet Needs Group

Meeting Minutes for Aug 24, 2020

Childcare:

Carol gave an update on the changing parameters within the CCAP program. The program was available to low income families to provide childcare for children when they were not in school. With the changes in learning environments, the program is adapting to be available for children who have a provider that cares for them while they participate in on-line or remote learning. The provider would not be the “teacher” or conducting the learning. The state is looking for more funding for childcare as this broadening use will be in high demand as parents return to work outside the home. With the grade school expanding to full on campus schooling, this does help with childcare issues.

The SNAP maximum allotment went out for August and is being extended for September. A waiver has been approved to waive the need for an interview for redetermination for the elderly and disabled. The waiver begins October 1st and will be in place for 18 months.

Support for children & families:

We need to look for ways to support children who may have to quarantine. We need to coordinate with the schools to know how we can identify children and families who need services.

The superintendent did express that the schools will be needing volunteers. TCH does have a list of volunteers and can promote the need for school volunteers. We need to communicate with the school administration to see what the vetting process is to qualify the volunteers. Perhaps the Telluride Education Foundation (area PTA) would also be a good resource for volunteers.

There is a wealth of services, but there is a problem identifying the unmet needs within the community. We will work to develop and distribute a flyer spelling out needs and the corresponding resource.

TCH is particularly good at directing individuals and families to resources as they work with people filling out applications.

Laura with Parents as Teachers works with the Latino community often in the home. She takes the opportunity to direct those in need to resources and is instrumental in helping people overcome the fear or anxiety of requesting assistance.

Health:

The Telluride Medical Center has a metric they use to measure their efficiency. Results have been positive. The availability of Tele-Health has been incredibly helpful. They

are working on plans for coordinating flu vaccinations. They are reaching out to venues such as the Food Bank, senior lunches, and the Farmers Market. They are focusing on outdoor venues. Another suggestion is to reach out to the Fire Department and EMS to help with a drive through venue and in-home vaccination delivery. At home vaccinations would enable those most vulnerable from having to come to the clinic or an event.

Financial needs:

The Good Neighbor Fund has been extremely successful in providing financial assistance to those in need. Basic Cash Assistance sent out an additional \$500. Pandemic EBT provided \$425/child for those families on the free or reduced lunch program. Medicaid is locked in through the Emergency Declaration. Social Services is requesting an extension of time to contact families that might be losing their Medicaid after the Declaration is lifted. For those who no longer qualify, they will be given guidance and directed to the exchange.

Bright Futures Emergency COVID Fund, available to parents of children 21 and younger, is for overdue bills. This covers bills in collection at the Medical Center up to \$900.

Aging Population:

Senior Lunches began 3 weeks ago at the Christ Presbyterian Church. Telluride Area Realtors host the lunches and 3 restaurants provide the meals. There is social distancing and measuring of temperatures. The first week there were about 20 people and last week about 15. Pick up is available and being utilized.

Public Health has been working on ways for people to stay connected. They have held forums on Facebook live and Zoom. Questions are posted and discussed. They are using the translation option on Zoom. There will be different topics moving forward.

Mental Health:

TCH is facilitating Tele-therapy. The Co-responder program is being implemented, as they partner with law enforcement. This will be a good step in connecting people to behavioral health.

The Behavioral Health Solutions Panel is deciding on an area of focus. One of the ideas is in workforce development to help those in mental health studies to work toward licensure and another is developing a navigator for behavioral health.

The next San Miguel Unmet Needs Group will be Sep 14th at 2pm. Carol will send out an invitation.