**Age Friendly Community Planning Meeting**

**Thursday, April 2 2015**

**1:15 – 2:30pm**

**At the MLA office (**#104, 806 9th Street N, Golden**)**

**Agenda**

Attendees: Kate McCarroll, Tanis Brown, Ruth Hamilton, Joy Orr, Chris Hambruch, Melanie Myers, Connie Barlow, Mickey Balas

Chair and Minutes: Monica De

1. Updates on items from last meeting
   1. Officially recognizing Golden as an Age Friendly Community – Ryan submitted the application on March 31. Connie and Chris let the committee know that Golden could be officially recognized by fall 2015. Committee members suggested having a community celebration in the fall when we receive recognition. The benefit of being officially recognized as an Age Friendly community helps when applying for grants.
   2. Update on CBT Community Initiative Program grant application
      1. Our project to hire an AFC coordinator was selected to receive $20 934.38
      2. Next steps – Hire an Age Friendly Community Coordinator – a sub-committee (Monica, Connie and Mickey) has been formed to work on the job description, job posting and interviewing. If anyone else from the committee would like to help, they can contact Monica. This sub-committee will meet next week and hopes to hire someone by the end of April or beginning of May.
      3. GCRS is the employer, but the Age Friendly Committee will have to be active with the AFC position.
2. Elder Abuse Program – Mel let us know that Bill Barger, the regional Community Response Network for Elder Abuse representative is available to talk about the program at no cost for an hour, a 1/2 day, or whatever we are interested in doing.

* Ruth let us know that Sandra Skappak from Victim Services will be dealing with the Elder Abuse program in the fall

1. Discussion regarding Durand Manor
   1. Renovations - Kate (family doctor) and Tanis (care coordinator) work at Durand Manor and want to see improvements with the facility. The place is functional, but they find that it is dementia unfriendly, depressing, dark and not homey. They would like to see a renovation to improve the facility (ideally develop a new facility) and change the community’s perception of Durand. They would like to see more community involvement with Durand and create a space that community members can use for events, etc.

Interior Health has Annie Hammond funds that can be used to do renovations at Durand. Connie suggested using these funds to leverage more funding so that a better renovation can be done all at once. Credit Union has an interest in improving senior’s homes in the community, so they could be another funding option. Mel will forward information about a Ministry of Health funding stream that is continuous – no deadline. $6 mill available to fund 5-year programs.

Interior Health designer is coming in the fall to make designs and construction will start in the spring, so community involvement should happen before this.

Doing a tour at Durand was suggested so committee members can see why upgrades are necessary.

Mickey mentioned that the population of older adults increased by 5% in the last year from 1403 to 1485.

Other suggestions regarding Durand Manor - Do a feasibility study to see what improvements should be made. Include BC Housing as a partner because they partnered with Mtn View.

Creating new long term residential units is priority #2 and rated with High Importance in the Age Friendly Community Plan, so this is something that the upcoming AFC coordinator can possibly work on. The Coordinator could form a sub-committee to work on this project.

* 1. Transportation - Durand residents need transportation to get out to community events. Their social health is decreasing because of this.

Connie – Lindsay Cox would like to donate a van; Connie will look more into this. There was talk about the issues of IH owning a vehicle. Joy suggested creating a Drive Share. This led to a discussion about using the BC Transit bus that only gets used 2 times a week, but Tanis said that because of the insurance policy, IH can only use the BC Transit bus 6 times per year, but this can still be an option.

1. Next Meeting – Wed May 20, 1:15pm at the Museum (Mickey will contact Colleen Palumbo to confirm the location.) Anyone interested in helping to make Golden an Age Friendly community is welcome to come to the meetings.