

St. Vrain Community Council

Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2011 8:30-10am

Location: Longmont Police Dept. Safety & Justice Center
225 Kimbark Ave. Longmont, CO

SVCC Mission: "Non-profit organizations collaborating and advocating to enrich the St. Vrain Community."

8:30a **Welcome:** Carla O'Boyle- facilitator, Deb Witzel- minutes

Guest David Barker, new Minister at Central Presbyterian

Attendance: Margie Aguirre-Moreno (OUR Center), Jill Babcock (The Inn Between), Pat Carson (A Woman's Work), Diane Groff (Center for People With Disabilities), Ana Hopperstad (Boulder County AIDS Project), Amy LaRue (Planned Parenthood), Jackie List-Warrilow (Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley), Michele McCracken (H.O.P.E.), Sue McCullough (FHUW's Volunteer Connection), Robin Menschenfreund (St. Vrain Family Center), Carla O'Boyle (Community Member), Danielle Watters (BV Women's Health Center), Kathy Webb (Longmont Housing Authority), Deb Witzel (LCJP/Teaching Peace),
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Additions: none

8:35 – 9:00 **SVCC Business:**

- 1) **Approve June Minutes-** moved, Sue Michelle 2nd unanimously approved
- 2) **Treasurer's Report-** budget balance \$10,078.07. Michelle asked what the intent for the money was. Deb W talked about the research project to verify the financial value/contribution of nonprofits in this community as a possibility that has been discussed by the SVCC in the past, also political events as they relate to npo in the community. Carla O mentioned the Trends Report that is coming out and various opportunities to attend presentations about it. A discussion ensued about the possibility of sharing info about each npo in Longmont maybe put in paper, create a directory to be shared with community. Purpose might be to show how npos fill gaps and save money, offer broader info, question about "advocacy" example supporting 1A. Sue reminded all that Camera and Times-Call have opportunity for Nonprofit Spotlight in Sunday papers. Carla reminded there is also the weekly paper and this idea was intended to be broad spectrum report to community. Exec Comm. will revisit. This money could also be spent on marketing materials.
- 3) **Joint Meeting Reminder 9/1 – SVCC, HSA & AAE-** personnel focus- Sue will send info, meeting is 8-9:30a at Sister Carmen 655 Aspen Ridge Dr. in Lafayette

- 4) **Open Agency Presentation Slot for November 22-** Sue explained that GeneSister will take that slot.
- 5) **Resource List-** was distributed via email, a work in progress, please send additions and changes to Sue, this is an effort to send fewer emails in the future from Sue & to educate council on resources available for npos.
- 6) **Panel for September-** Topic? Suggestions-Proposition 25, Senator Heath could present on small property tax to raise money for education, Trends Report from CFSBC presentation and discussion for, Council and Commissioner Candidates perhaps others, Carla mentioned we may be able to do both Council and Trends, Will look at bringing state reps for legislative session in Jan. Please send questions to Exec Comm.

9:00 – 9:20

Agency Intros & Info Sharing- Diane CPWD- Fair Housing (Service Animals and Companion Sept 14th at Senior Center 3:30 – Kathy W Applications for Lottery Sept 8,9, 12 for creating a stand-by pool for housing, can get apps online on those days starting at 9am ends Mon at 4p. – Amy L. Cut grant from Women’s Wellness Connection -no longer much funding for women over 40+ having to use other funding for as many as possible – Ana H slight cut in Housing Opp for People living with AIDS so diminishing program Great AIDS walk in Denver over 8000 people walked, BCAP, drag show- very fun small fundraiser, Sat Sept 25th Annual Fundraising Event acknowledge 30 years of AIDS epidemic people ages 13 to 29 increasing pushing education, Sue Volunteer Connection merged with Foothills United Way and she remains as staff although moved to United Way office in Lafayette, website now goes to United Way, Jackie Safe Shelter- very busy- Oct Domestic Violence Awareness Month working with LEVI and SPAN for month Oct 7th 6-8p Isaac Walton Candle light vigil new website and development director and have expanded services, legal services in particular, will do Rock the House again but smaller, Margie Our Center is seeing increase in eviction and increase in utility bill support needs, Annual Event Oct 1st Radisson, A Woman’s Work, Oct 27th 4-5 next orientation at REMAX office, Annual Event at Radisson-luncheon=on on Sept 30th, Magnificent Men at Maritini’s went very well, AWW feeling well supported by the community right now, Michelle HOPE is seeing increased #s taking 70 + meals a night including non-perishables, need socks and underwear and shoes coats sleeping bags bed rolls, 94 highest # served in a night this summer, showers and laundry 3 nights a week at a location they will transport people to T, TH and Sun., making referrals to other agencies in area to serve too, more families, trying to get kids to school too, Diane Nov 16th Wed. Methodist Church on 11th, 6pm meal + talk from Author David ??? Why Don’t They Just Get a Job 58 % of people on streets work, Sue asked Michelle about doing volunteer drives for needs for HOPE. Robin, took hit from a state grant for Family Friendly program so they could fund child care first, making private foundation ask, Sat Nov 19th Annual event, will not be able to market Odd Fellows Hall – all marketing will be word of mouth please spread the word, Beef and Brew dinner with auction, Odd Fellows has been wonderfully

supportive Trend of concern- increase in referrals for Supervised parenting time, safe exchanges are down though, concern that prevention is being missed and education needed to promote prevention efforts about Safe Services 80% of clients are struggling to pay fees even at lowest end of sliding scale, Deb W LCJP new positions, Volunteer Coordinator and RATES Coordinator to work with expelled and suspended students, Annual Event Sept 10th 5pm Ollin Farm farm dinner.- Margie when making referrals to Our Center they will look at what they can do to support to free up other money for people.

Agency Presentations – see below

9:20 – 9:50 Boulder Valley Women’s Health Center – Danielle Watters - Youth Services Director- teen services after school and Sat all services are free- provide education in both school districts- comprehensive sex ed in schools- work with partners in the community- handouts- Title 10 reproductive and sexual health clinic founded in 1973, in same building with Safe Shelter for 5 years, - men women and teens in need, more info- boulderwomenshealth.org and teenclinic.org (303) 442-5760 Fundraiser Oct 22nd Broad Comedies 8pm Boulder Theatre

9:50 – 10:00 Q & A-

Q- specific outreach for Latina Spanish speaking groups? A. Yes, Latina services available hiring for position PT just replacing outreach

Q- in middle schools in SVVSD A. only in high school A, there is a need and no access AFY and Youth Center partner

Q- RTD cut Lyons from services still on routes? A. not sure

Q- how young can you serve without parent consent A age 12

Q- stats? A. national teen pregnancy declining but still high Locally 37% are sexually active of those youth 60% are using preventative method real disparities in Latino community and LGTBQQI youth are also not getting sexual health info as needed HIV rates increasing in young people in general

Next Meeting is September 27, 2011 – 8:30 to 10:00 am @ Longmont Safety & Justice Center, 225 Kimbark Ave. Longmont, CO