

Cocalico Cares Meeting- August 26, 2019

Present: Cindy Mellinger, Crystal Shimp, Crystal Allen, Christine Stolfus, Christine Glover, Lori Casanova, Jackie Steed, Shannon Murphy, Steve Melnyk, Carolyn Reiste (Adamstown Library)

Crystal did a recap - we'll be looking to address the needs of the entire community - it might be addiction - but not necessarily solely addiction.

Meeting times are split - pretty much 50/50 - we're considering a rotating schedule - daytime/evening schedule

Tonight - vision statement exercise:

Imagine it's 25 years from now - NPR/WGAL has sent a reporter to gather information about CTC has made a difference in the community.

What do you see in our community in the future that you want to be sure to show the reporter? What do you envision the Cocalico Area will look like 25 years from now?

Brainstorming:

Family

Family education and free, fun programming (x2)

Community

Supportive and involved community members

All families have access to and take advantage of community resources (addiction tx, etc)

Resource Center where all needs are met.

Community members know how to access social services, food, treatment

Affordable housing (Declaration House)

Access to healthcare for all

Robust downtown businesses, shops

Downtown becoming a hub - think Lititz

Thriving businesses in downtown Denver

Thriving business community where young people would move back into the area to give back

More businesses in the area hiring local to build capacity

Job opportunities available in many sectors

A clean, well-kept downtown

Stigma-free (mental health and addiction)

Diversity

Community Gathering Spots (Community garden, dog park, etc)

Places for youth to go - not parks (movie theatre, Applebee's, etc)

Town events on weekends (cool and engaging)

Supportive and involved community members

Community involvement, volunteering, etc

Intergenerational activities/interaction

Youth take pride in their community and strive to improve it

Youth interacting with all ages and vital to all (multi-generational activities)

High school youth involved in mentoring program (business, faith leaders, etc. as mentors)

School

Thriving economy and increase in financial literacy

School and community are trauma-informed; students are learning resilience skills in school and home

High quality education & various venues to support needs and offset homelessness, poverty, poor health

Youth equipped with healthy coping skills (SEL k-12)

Opportunities for young people

Schools providing flexibility for students based on career path (x2)

Individual

Youth are valued in community and their value makes them become more involved in the community.

Common themes -

Businesses coming to area and thriving

Families having access to healthcare, mental health, treatment

Using vision statement template - think of a vision statement that would include those elements. (template is a guide - don't have to follow it directly)