

Cocalico Cares – Meeting Minutes – July 22, 2019

Welcome & Introductions

Crystal - mobilizer
Steve M - assist. Super at school district
Kathy - Adamstown Library (will be a new director at library in August)
Cindy - Blue Ridge
Rachel - Farmer/Community Member
Sunny - REAL Life
Steve - Wellspan
Rod - REAL Life, Mayor

Sector Representation

Discussion around what the focus is to help determine who to invite to participate.
At this point - we're talking about broad strokes - who to invite to help with the community assessment and narrow down the focus of this group.

The group identified the following as areas where they believe there is a need:

- Transportation
- Day care
- Housing
- Food insecurity
- Employment - underemployed - not something to tackle for this group
- People who are receiving SSI/SSDI - fall below the cracks of most of the programs - larger amount of people in this category than we ever knew; not enough resources to be independent

Day care most critical and easiest to address out of the four mentioned (1st through 5th grade)

Cindy M - Could Denver do a community garden? (down the road); could we do this with the school district?

Steve M - Ephrata runs the agricultural program - maybe through National Honor Society or another club.

Cindy M - Has there been talking about having a food pantry in Denver rather than going to Ephrata?

Rod - There are two in Denver - Peter's Porch - 1st Saturday at Faith United; Emanuel UCC Church in Adamstown - has been bought out - don't know if they're still running a food pantry.

PowerPacks is run through REAL Life.

We could have a food pantry in Denver - but the number of people calling REAL Life for food is very low - maybe 1-2 calls a month.

Workgroups

Community Assessment Workgroup

New Adamstown Library Director - Carolyn - to participate on this committee
Steve B.
Someone from school district ? TBD

Community Outreach and Public Relations Workgroup

Rod
Cindy

Nancy Hammill ? (we need to ask her)
Shannon Murphy? (needs to be invited)
Rachel Elliott

Funding/Resource Allocation Workgroup

Christine Stoltzfus
Sonny will assist (as available)
Kathy reminds us about the Foundation Database at Duke Street Library as a resource

Additional people to invite to participate:

Lisa Marsteller - works at the hospital - respiratory therapist; teacher's aide; member of CCP - Sonny has contact info

Stacy from CCP?

Paula Flemming -from school district

Chief Kepley

SRO ?

Sonny will add CCP people to Cocalico Cares list in REAL Life's new database.