



TOWN OF LYONS
Draft Minutes
Housing and Human Services Commission
January 12, 2026, 4:30 – 6:00 PM
Lyons Library Effie Banta conference Room

Mission: *The mission of the Lyons Housing & Human Services Commission, as established in the Lyons Recovery Action Plan, is to provide coordination and communication with various private, non- profit, and county entities in an effort to assess and fill the gaps in human service provision and identify unmet needs in the Lyons and greater Lyons (80540) area.*

Zoom & in person

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I. Roll Call

Kay Sparks, Lisa Ramsey, Claudia Kean, Ian Conly, Willow Fitzgerald, Isabel Tarr, (Commissioners), Lisa Ramsey (Staff Liason), Hollie Rogin, Jocelyn Farrell (LEAF ED), Cherie Maureaux, (Community Advisory on Transportation)

II. Approve Agenda and Minutes from Past Meetings

Unanimously approved

III. Audience Business

IV. Update – LEAF (Lyons Elevating All Fund) – Jocelyn Farrell, Executive Director

LEAF will have a strategic plan for 2026 to reevaluate town's needs compared to 10 years ago. What has been working really well? What is less necessary?

Three Pillars of Mental Wellness Support:

1. Prevention - Early childhood youth programs, including social-emotional wellbeing. Older student can mentor and help with younger children.
2. Intervention - (possibly hiring a case manager, and then direct to resources in community, Boulder County, or State level. A follow-up component will be included in what LEAF offers. Chris Valero is a therapist who comes in 3 times a week, lives in Boulder. He has a men's group launching in February. LEAF will also partner with a firm in Longmont, Krupnick Counseling - LEAF will help with cost of 8 sessions. This does NOT have an income requirement. This can include marriage counseling, kids, and more. LEAF want to eliminate the barriers to getting help.
3. Postvention - Support after any crisis. Equine therapy, LGBTQ support, gut health, art based programs will all be coming back in.

Qi Gong at LEAF - on website, now 12 week program.

Jocelyn is looking for input from community.

Izzy is a social worker, and doing housing work with Boulder County, and will follow up with Jocelyn on further involvement.

Food Pantry is still weekly, also not needs-based. Wednesday 3:00-6:30 PM. Basic Needs - immediate transportation crisis, repairs, etc. Rent assistance is also available short term. LEAF is going to be doubling this - health care issues, SNAP, etc are highly problematic now. People are not paid, the providers are. Meals on Wheels for anyone that needs home delivery. Not income based, but for seniors. Electric bills also can get help. Meals for transition period from health care are available.

Lyons Community Foundation, Cemex, ARPA (American Rescue-Covid) funding, are some of the sources for LEAF, as well as grants and individual donations.

Kay is wondering if there will be a regular update, and/or LEAF Liason. ALSO - LEAF is getting a phone line so they can be called. Even just a line for non- public.

Office hours - Monday - Thursday 9-3. Donations can happen then or at Library.

Over the Counter cold medication is needed, food supplies are good.

V. Old Business

- a. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) – Lisa Ritchie, Town Planner
Essentially on hold, as Lisa Ritchie is working hard. She has put in a grant to get a staff person to address ADUs. The Carter lots may be able to get Pre-fab units built. This is through Boulder County Community development. Those will be for ownership, not rental.
Boulder County Housing Authority has taken ownership of the Seward property. Some will be leveled, some repaired.
- b. Lyons Valley Townhomes – Kay Sparks.
Melanie Castan is the new property manager, and Maintenance people are hard to find - understaffed at this moment. Edward is one, has posted his name and number at office. Izzy has a contact for maintenance help. (Riley Persing).
A meeting with all residents possibly in the works. Education is helpful for tenants. There is a vice-president at Summit who is a "buffer" for Paul. That is good.
- c. Redstone Review articles – ideas for February and March
Robyn Young is working at Walt Self, Senior Center and can help with outreach on what they offer. Robyn knows folks at Dementia Together, and is interested in bringing them in for an outreach meeting.
Budget crisis at Boulder County - BCAA will get cuts, unknown when or how much. We need to hang on the mountain specialist help like Amy Shoffner, and we should document what she does and how. State Finance committee contacts can help too.
- d. Commission Vacancies – 1

VI. New Business

- a. Feasibility of a Multijurisdictional Housing Authority – Sara Walsh is presenting to TOL Feb 2. Lyons, Nederland and Gilpen County are the entities, and may have different needs.
- b. 2026 Activities
Isaac at OUR center may come back to give an update. Health Care Enrollment event could be in October/November instead of December this next time.

VII. Reports

- a. Staff Liaison - Lisa Ramsey
Budget for seniors will be tighter, more grants but less TOL money. Lost a bus also for Senior trips. First trip planned to see the Newfoundland movies.
- b. Trustee Liaison – Mayor Rogin - No Report
- c. BCAA – Amy Shoffner -
Back 10-11:30 at the Library on Wednesdays, then at Walt Self
- d. BCAA Advisory – Kay Sparks
Increasing need, as all orgs are experiencing. Connections being formed between LEAF and OUR Center.

- e. Cherie Maureaux - Community Advisory committee to revise and revamp services for transportation. Cherie is advocating for more service to our area. What is NOT happening? What are the needs? A bus from Lyons to Longmont would be interesting. We need to find out how many people need that service. Kim Mitchell or Lisa Ramsey can find some of the numbers.
- f. Boulder County Regional Housing Partnership – No Report - Hollie Rogin will update next meeting.

VIII. Summary of Action Items

IX. Next Meeting February 9 and Requested Agenda Items

X. Adjournment 6:00 PM

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