

Chelan-Douglas Coalition for Health Improvement
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019, 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Introductions-All

Attendance: See Sign In Sheet

NCW Economic Development District-Paul Moore

- Region wide in Okanogan, Chelan and Douglas Counties and Colville Confederated Tribes.
- We educate, spotlight regional development strategies, collaborate-regional partnerships and grant management.
- North Star Opportunity Zones: Capital investment into opportunity zones. There are places for us to grow. These are opportunities to address the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH). An idea is to have housing where there is a business below and living area above.

Our Valley Our Future-Steve Maher

- Our Valley Our Future is a grassroots organization. The organization has a board of directors, executive committee and coordinator. There is a wide range and diverse group of board members.
- Main tasks of the organization are to research, organize, connect, facilitate, fund, communicate, and champion.
- There are 150 projects and programs developed by community members. The projects cover jobs, economy, education, arts and culture, public safety and outdoor recreation. These are done by collaborative and holistic approaches.
- A survey to capture the community voice has been done. With over 5,000 responses with 23% of identifying as Latino.
- The Game-Changer Projects are created to move the needle in the community.
 - Regional Housing Report
 - Technology Hub
 - The Bridge Research & Innovation District
 - TREAD
 - One Community
 - Early Childhood Learning
 - Alleviating Generational Poverty
 - Blue Zone will be added
- Successful outcomes of projects are real action, movement, improvements and better quality of life for residents.
- There are action items available that need a lead partner.
 - Expanded Medical Sector
 - Reducing Drug Use
 - Enhance Mental Health Services

NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce-Wilma Cartagena

- Mission is to promote hispanic owned businesses in Wenatchee.
 - The chamber has been involved for 20 years. Different than the Wenatchee Commerce of Chamber.
- The NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is transitioning to the Empowerment Fund. To fundraise and provide scholarships to students to go to college.
- Deciding what will be better for the community? Where is our heart-community needs and want. We need to raise funds for scholarships. Scholarships can be small, but will be helpful to students.
- There are meetings and more information found on the website <http://www.ncwhispanicchamberofcommerce.com/>.

Faith Community-Mike Malmin

- The church has received \$300,000 and the leadership of the church have met about next steps. They are wanting to know what the community needs and would like this money to be used to benefit the community.
- The church is located across from the Wenatchee High School and the location is prime in the community.
- What can we do to serve others in the community? Churches tend to isolate themselves. We would love to be a partner-if there is a need. Our church can be used for any meetings. From our location-we get a tremendous amount of people experiencing a crisis or severe mental health. How can we use our building or needs? Whatever we do needs to be sustainable.

Professional Resource Network 365-Cindy Perryman

- This is a resource that sends you straight to the website of an organization instead of finding it through a search engine. You are able to type in what your needs and interests are. All groups are included and no one is excluded. This is a tool that can be beneficial for the whole community. You can watch the video at <https://www.loom.com/share/3d553f99be9846cc90198993cd27e6aa>

Friends of Leavenworth-Duane Goehner

- The Friends of Leavenworth was developed by residents living and from Leavenworth, Washington. How do we make sure that we balance residents and tourists? How do we keep growing but keep residents happy? An adventure park has been a topic of discussion in Leavenworth. The beauty of Leavenworth is what people love so some residents are not for an adventure park.
- Cost of living is high and rising in Leavenworth. Friends of Leavenworth is partnering with the City of Leavenworth, and the Chamber of Chamber on how to address traffic and housing costs. What are the solutions? Another priority is the environmental health of Leavenworth.
- Housing, environment and quality of life are top priorities. This is not a group that is against everything, but has the residents of Leavenworth behind the work. The goal is to have residents involved and businesses realizing that they can affect the health of the community.

- For more information, check out the Friends of Leavenworth: Preserving Our Quality of Life facebook page.

Discussion-All

- Question regarding Our Valley Our Future-will some of the game changer projects be removed or changed?
 - We will evaluate and ask the community the same questions that we have in the past. Looking for the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in the community. One of the potential new projects to be added to the Our Valley Our Future is Blue Zones Community.
- With such a diversity with our different communities how you do know who to impact?
 - Some projects are specific to places but some can be anywhere.
 - We have different infrastructure in the two counties [Chelan and Douglas Counties]. With diversity there are potential new opportunities.
- What counties are served with the NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce?
 - Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan, but based in Wenatchee.

How can the CHI help or support your organization?

- Faith Community: Very interested in learning more about the CHI and the organizations involved. If you are aware of needs in South Wenatchee, we are wanting to hear.
- Friends of Leavenworth: The Friends of Leavenworth has an active Facebook page and can help promote anything in the community.
- NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: To learn more about upcoming events feel free to join the NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce mailing list. Anyone is invited to attend the NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- Our Valley Our Future: To learn more about Our Valley Our Future (OVOF), you can email info@ourvalleyourfuture.org or go to the OVOF website at <http://www.ourvalleyourfuture.org/>
- Steve Maher can be a resource for anyone needing contact information or connection to anyone else in the communities.

Upcoming events for Blue Zone Communities:

- Blue Zones Project Community Keynote Presentation
 - Monday, Nov. 4 from 6:00-7:00pm
- Blue Zones Project Community Transformation Presentation
 - Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 9:30 – 11:30am
- Blue Zones Projects Focus Groups
 - Tuesday, Nov. 5 there are two sessions covering 4 topics
 - 11:45am Community Policy & Worksites
 - 2:00pm Schools & Individual Engagement
- Blue Zones Friends @ 5
 - Tuesday, Nov 5 from 5:00 – 6:00pm

- NCW Economic Development District: We love to educate the board and have presenters from the CHI to come and let the board know about the work. For more information, contact Karen@nwc.com
- Question for Friends of Leavenworth: With the attraction of the town, how are they working with Cascade Medical Center to ensure that the residents can get to the hospital if needed?
 - Public safety has been a big topic for the group. The City of Leavenworth and Cascade Medical Center have been working to ensure residents and tourists to be able to access the hospital.
 - Cascade Medical Center now has employee parking, which clears the parking lot from employee cars.
 - The City of Leavenworth are taking more precaution and efforts for active shooting and cars dangerously driving down closed streets during festivals.
 - Leavenworth is trying to engage the community.

Round Table-All

- The CHI has been looking for faith leaders to be able of the work of the CHI. Their attendance is appreciated.
- If you are a director of an organization, we are looking for mentors for young Latino community members. Let NCW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce know if you want to train the new generation.
- If you know of anyone in need of a job in Chelan, there will be some community resource specialists such as Worksource, SkillSource, DSHS, Community Action and Link Transit. This will take place at the Chelan Public Library on Mondays October 21, November 18 and December 16 2019 at 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- This is mental health awareness week. Through Chelan-Douglas NAMI there are Peer to Peer support groups 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Wenatchee Senior Center.
- Real Options has a new location across from the Chelan County Courthouse. Feel free to stop by.

Meeting Adjourned