

Southern Region Respite Care Coalition

July 20, 2017

Meeting Notes

1. Bethan Keith is no longer with The Resource Exchange, and Sarah Nolan is running TRE's Breaktime program. Their times are twice a month from 5:00 to 7:30.
2. We discussed the use of the \$500 funds, and decided that we would use to market the Respite Fair. The decision for the Respite Fair date is October 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 at the New TRE facility on Corporate Drive. Connie will get the flyer completed and send it out to us. TRE is able to hold the fair, but unable to provide childcare. Some ideas of promoting the fair were to get an article written by the Gazette. Connie said she had connections and will look into getting a journalist to write about the Coalition. Linda will look into the cost for advertising in the Gazette as well as in the Independent.
3. Challenges continue to be around drawing rural participation into the Southern group.
4. A question brought up by Regina Dipodava is how referrals are flowed to the respective agencies when someone contacts the Colorado Respite Coalition for agency resources. Question to be put forth to the coalition
5. Discussion about a pilot program in Greeley allowing people to access respite for longer periods of time. – This may be through the Crisis Stabilization for Behavioral Health.
6. Connie McKenzie stated that the lack of respite resources for the dual diagnosed is huge and that this is an area need. Crisis occur and there are no good answers for youth in particular.
7. We will continue to invite more people. Lacking on our Coalition are organizations who represent seniors and elderly care.

Next meeting will be October 19, 8:30 to 10:00 am at the Health Department (El Paso County Citizens Center) and may work well to have the wrap up meeting of the event at the same time.