

## @Home Coalition Meeting

**Meeting:** @Home In Adams County Coalition

**Date:** August 22, 2019

**Time:** 8:00 am – 9:30 am

### Meeting Topics

1. SHARE / ECHO Presentation
  - a. Helen Kelley, Diana T. Myers and Associates, Inc. presented on the SHARE and ECHO housing options.
    - i. SHARED Housing was defined as involving the voluntary matching of a home host (someone with at least one extra bedroom) and a home sharer (someone willing to live in someone else's home). An older adult can be either the home host or home sharer. The home sharer has his/her own bedroom and both parties share living, dining and kitchen areas. Either person can provide services to help the other (for example: assistance with laundry or cooking; companionship), depending on needs and abilities. The home sharer would pay up to 30% of his or her income for rent. Providing services is not required to participate.
    - ii. ECHO Housing (Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity) or granny-flat as some might know it by is a small, separate, manufactured residence for an older adult that is temporarily placed in the side or rear yard of a host family- related by blood or marriage. This arrangement provides privacy and dignity to both the older adult and the host family. When the ECHO cottage is no longer needed, it is relocated to the property of another host family. The older adult would pay 30% of his or her income.
  - b. The PowerPoint presentation will be available on the @Home In Adams County website.
2. SHARE & ECHO Survey Sites
  - a. The survey will be available online and on-site at specific locations.
  - b. Five distribution sites have been identified:
    - i. Adams County Community Foundation
    - ii. Office of Aging
    - iii. SCCAP
    - iv. St. James Church
    - v. YWCA
3. Housing Development Updates
  - a. Jennifer Eckerson with the Adams County Housing Authority provided an update for the Homeless Diversion program, 2 CDBG and 1 Home for Good grants that have been approved. Funding information is not yet available and the announcement will be made as soon as the applications are made available to the public.
  - b. Megan Shreve with SCCAP provided an update on the SCCAP Apartments project. Adams County Community Foundation awarded funding for drawings and SCCAP is currently working with developers on the final price. If you'd like to stay up to date on the apartments, follow SCCAP on social media or visit their website.
  - c. Pete Ricker with Habitat for Humanity provided an update on completed home projects and the Blitz Build in September.

4. Economic Development Update
  - a. Robin Fitzpatrick with Adams Economic Alliance provided an update on the status of municipal meetings. She is currently working with Harlan Lawson, Adams County Planning & Development to identify the municipalities that will be on the “municipal tour” first. Once identified, additional details will be sent to the coalition for those who are available to attend.
5. Transportation Update
  - a. Megan Shreve with SCCAP provided an update on conversations with Rabbit Transit to identify needs for Adams County and find potential solutions to more accessible transportation for all county residents. In attendance were Rabbit Transit officials who have committed to exploring options with @Home In Adams County and its partners.
6. Citizen Leadership Collaborative Update
  - a. Kathy Gaskin provided an update on a newly formed group call the Citizen Leadership Collaborative that will focus on: Planning | Municipal Services | Leadership | Conflict Resolution | Water Planning/MS4 | The development process – public and private perspective | Economic Development | Housing | Coalition building | Environmental planning and others.
7. @Home In Adams County Update
  - a. Jennifer Herfel with @Home In Adams County provided an update on the funding list. This list is available on the website at <https://www.homeinadamscounty.org/funding-types> and details each type of funding @Home In Adams County is currently exploring. Contact information is provided for each grant or loan if there are additional questions.
  - b. Jennifer Herfel provided the committee with a one-pager outlining constructive housing messages.
  - c. A Housing messaging training will be held at the next meeting in October which will include a video and accompanying packets, as well as a post-video discussion.
8. Megan Shreve announced the following Call To Action items:
  - a. Attend municipal meetings in your municipality to understand the issues and show support for more than just housing, transportation and economic development
  - b. Once SHARE / ECHO survey is released – share link via social media, email, mobile etc.
  - c. Marketing – share posts, visit website, share successes