

@Home in Adams County Meeting Minutes  
Coalition Meeting via Zoom  
3/29/2021  
1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Topics of Discussion:

1. Broadband
  - a. Taskforce Meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - i. Updates – Ralph Serpe and Commissioner Marty Qually shared updates from the first Broadband Taskforce meeting in March. This taskforce will be an organic, collaborative effort used to inform the County (local government officials and its residents) on the ways in which we can best bring quality broadband access to the community.
    - ii. Regional Study – Robin Fitzpatrick shared with the group that this taskforce plans to work together to pull resources to conduct a regional study to assess need for access and to collect the most accurate data to develop a coverage map to determine where we can begin our work.
2. Gettysburg-Hanover Connector
  - a. Updates
    - i. Members of our steering committee and a community advocate joined us for a group ride with Community Media on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Here, Ralph Serpe and Robin Fitzpatrick were interviewed to inform the community about the GHC and the benefits of this connection. View this production on Community Media’s website, [www.communitymedia.net](http://www.communitymedia.net), and on theirs and @Home’s Facebook page.
  - b. Call to Action
    - i. Visit [www.homeinadamscounty.org](http://www.homeinadamscounty.org) and [www.rabbittransit.org](http://www.rabbittransit.org) to access GHC schedules, to learn how to purchase your tickets and more.
  - c. GHC Passes
    - i. Kathy Gaskin of WellSpan’s Healthy Adams County shared with the group that WellSpan plans to purchase GHC passes so that patients can access this route if needed to travel to medical appointments.
3. Housing
  - a. ECHO Updates- ECHO received two completed applications, one from Biglerville Borough and one from Freedom Township. The ECHO Planning group will meet to discuss next steps.
  - b. SHARE Updates – SHARE is looking for hosts and program participants. Please refer anyone who is interested to SHARE Coordinator, Valery Adams at [vadams@acofa.org](mailto:vadams@acofa.org).
  - c. Meadowview Townhomes – Bonnie Zehler of Luminest Community Development shared with the group that construction is currently delayed due to COVID restrictions but hope to begin construction mid-late 2021.
  - d. Biglerville Duplex Project – Construction is delayed due to COVID restrictions and are awaiting approval to being construction mid 2021.
4. Economic Development
  - a. CHIRP – Robin Fitzpatrick shared updates about COVID Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP). The Adams Economic Alliance is helping hospitality businesses get back on their feet and you can learn more about this relief program at <https://adamsalliance.org/chirp/>.

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5. Calls to Action

- a. Take a ride on the Gettysburg Hanover Connector if it feels safe for you to do so.
  - i. On @Home's website find information on how to buy tickets and to see the GHC schedule to plan your trip. This will help us to maintain ridership during the pilot phase to sustain this route.
- b. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating in our SHARE Program, please refer to Valery Adams of the Adams County Office for Aging, [vadams@acofa.org](mailto:vadams@acofa.org).
- c. Refer folks to us who are interested in involvement or who wish to learn more information about affordable housing, transportation, and economic developments in community.
- d. Do you have expertise in marketing and outreach? Connect with Caroline! We welcome your insight as we work to raise awareness of our initiative.