

@Home in Adams County
Coalition Meeting Minutes
5/24/2021 via Zoom
1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Number of participants: 23 to include representatives from non-profit agencies, local government, and the general community.

Topics of discussion:

1. Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging ECHO Program Success
 - a. Julie Fenton, Director of Outreach, Education & Community Services presented information on the ECHO Program in Clearfield County and the successful placement of three ECHO Cottages. For more information of for any questions, contact Julie via email jfenton@ccaaa.net or by phone (814)765-2696
2. Housing
 - a. Adams ECHO Updates
 - i. @Home, Adams County Office for Aging and SCCAP are working with a family and tenant in Butler Township who applied and are interested in participating in the ECHO Program. We are moving forward with this family to verify use of their property and to choose a developer for the cottage.
 - b. Converge Entreprises – Biglerville Rd. Duplex Project
 - i. Chad Collie of Converge Enterprises joined the group to provide updates about the progress of this project. Construction will begin soon.
 - c. SHARE Updates
 - i. SHARE Coordinator, Valery Adams announced success in finding a match for the SHARE Program. Agreement between tenants will be signed and tenants can begin living together soon.
3. Broadband
 - a. Taskforce Updates
 - i. Taskforce last met on Monday May 17th to start discussion about identifying the best funding source for broadband implementation and to determine the best method of implementation. Media and internet services providers in the group will be working to provide a drafted proposal for a hybrid service to include fiber and wireless options. Other participants will work to network with local businesses and school districts to identify need.
4. Transportation
 - a. Gettysburg Hanover Connector (GHC) Ridership
 - i. Call to Action: Share with us your suggestions on how we can increase ridership and ticket sales.
 - b. Commuter Services of Pa
 - i. Will be meeting with the Housing Authority to give out free ride passes and lead a field trip from New Oxford to Hanover. This is an effort to raise awareness of the GHC and to practice riding.
 - c. Signage and bus schedule for the GHC is lacking and it is difficult to get information about the GHC from the rabbittransit phone line. Commuter Services, rabbittransit, and Adams County Community Foundation will meet to address this issue.

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- d. GHC promotional insert was published in the Gettysburg times on May 15th and again in their online edition later in the month. This insert includes a coupon for a free ride. Please see previous email from @Home in Adams County containing a coupon.
- 5. Calls to Action:
 - a. Take a ride on the GHC 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 the route.
 - ii. Share information on the GHC and the free ride coupon widely
 - iii. Share with us your ideas to increase ridership and ticket sales for the GHC
 - b. Refer folks to us who are interested in involvement or who wish to learn more information about our initiative.
 - c. Do you know someone who might be a great fit for the SHARE Program? Contact Valery Adams at vadams@acofa.org.