

Community Leader Meeting: August 19th, 2021

- Reviewed the CLG Guideposts
- Update: BOCC information is now up on the website. Check it out here: <https://gcruralhealth.org/community-leader-group/>

Training Discussion:

- Amanda went over how to give public testimony. Together we used the BOCC's possible Short Term Rental moratorium as an example.
 - Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is possibly looking at increasing fees for Short Term Rental (STR) registrations. There is some thinking amongst the group that perhaps the community should ask the BOCC to increase the STR registration fees and then put some of the funds towards an affordable housing fund.
 - There will be a workshop for the STR Moratorium on September 7th, 2021.
- Sara Elise reached out to the BOCC office and was able to get some questions answered:
 - Public comment: always happens shortly after the 8:30am start of the meeting. Each person is limited to 3 minutes.
 - How do you get something put onto the agenda? To get something on the BOCC agenda, one must schedule it with Cynthia McCoy (cmccoy@co.grand.co.us or 970-725-3100). It is important to reach out to Cynthia at least a couple of weeks ahead of time to try and get on the agenda. If you are looking to speak for about 15 minutes they may be able to squeeze you in to the nearest meeting, however if you are looking to have a workshop or present for an hour, that would very likely need to be scheduled out.
 - How is it decided who is in a workshop?: Workshops are open to everyone. The public is always invited. However, depending on how many people are there, everyone present may not necessarily get to speak to the commissioners.
 - How can we submit letters to be on record?: If a community member wants to make sure that their voice, or writing is seen by the BOCC, they must send it via email before 12pm the Friday before the BOCC meeting. If the communication is sent by that deadline, it will be included in the packet for the Commissioners and will be a part of public record for that meeting where the public will also be able to view it.
 - Where do we submit letters to be read by the commissioners/ be a part of the agenda packet?: You will send it to grndcty1@co.grand.co.us or Cynthia McCoy cmccoy@co.grand.co.us. You may CC Micah Benson as well mbenson@co.grand.co.us.

Community of Practice

Advocacy Area 2: Mental Health

- Suicide Awareness 'You Are Not Alone' Hike: Here is the volunteer sign-up link for the Suicide Awareness Hike on September 12th from 2-5pm at YMCA of the Rockies Snow Mountain Ranch. There are several different volunteer needs and shifts available to chose from 1pm-6pm that day. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845A8A62CA3F94-suicide>
- This group asked us to support this event using CLG funds how we see fit, here's how we are doing that: we will be paying for food, bracelets and beads at the event.

- ****Volunteer(s) needed****: The Grand County Rural Health Network(GCRHN) would like to ask for a Community Leader Group member to volunteer to work at one of our tables at event to talk about what we as a group are doing, and to potentially support other needs there. Let Sara Elise know if you would like to volunteer to work at one of the GCRHN tables that day (this is not an option in the signup link).
- Multi-media Awareness Campaign:
 - Suicide Prevention/ Awareness Resource Page: Thanks to our very own community leader, Kasy Allen, there is now a suicide awareness/ prevention page with updated resources on [HealthyGrandCounty.org](https://healthygrandcounty.org). There will also be local stories of hope and resiliency shared (stay tuned for more to come.) Thank you for your incredible work, Kasy! Here is a link to the page she has created: <https://healthygrandcounty.org/suicide-prevention-awareness/>
 - Storytelling: Nessa and Carl have shared video testimonies and Amanda has volunteered to share her MH story and Zach reported that he may be interested as well. Ideally we would like to get at least one more story out during September, Suicide Awareness month. If you or someone you know would also be interested in sharing your mental health story, please reach out to Sara Elise at sbristol@gcruralhealth.org

Advocacy Area 1: Affordable Housing

Community Leader Brooke shared a presentation about her experience advocating for Resident Owned Communities (ROC) with the group. Brooke also shared her experience presenting her ideas about ROCs to the Board of County Commissioners. The group discussed ROCs together and Brooke shared more of her background in community advocacy.

Advocacy Opportunities

Amanda and Sara Elise informed the group that the Grand County Rural Health Network was nominated in several categories for 'Best in Grand'. If you believe that the Grand County Rural Health Network has earned your vote, please do so here: [New Business | opened 2021 - Community | Best of Grand | SkyHiNews.com](https://www.skyhinews.com/news/new-business-opened-2021-community-best-of-grand/)

Next Meeting: September 16th 2021 6-8pm