

# Developmental Disabilities and Special Needs Roundtable

## Meeting Notes for Friday, Dec. 6, 2019

**Location:** projectY cowork, 150 Central Park Square, Los Alamos, NM 87544

**Attendees:** Melissa Arias, Doris Roberts, Ali Harper, Kristin Tobias, Prisca Yoder, Mandy Marksteiner, Margi Harrach

**I. Call to Order:** Melissa Arias called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

### II. Round Table Introductions and Updates

#### **Lemonade Living** (Melissa Arias)

- DVR meeting scheduled at Rose Chocolatier this afternoon.

#### **GAP Analysis Survey**

- Kulik Strategic Advisors in Georgia was awarded the contract to do Los Alamos County's Health Services Gap Analysis Survey
- Roundtable plans to perform a survey for the developmental disabilities and special needs community that will feed into the County survey that is to be completed by April or May.
- We can do a presentation to county council prior to submitting our results.
- We can review a plan that was developed by Prisca, Doris and Melissa at our next Roundtable meeting.
- Getting accurate data requires building relationships and trust. A lack of trust with outsiders can keep vulnerable communities from sharing and participating.
- We have the potential to normalize living with diverse abilities.

#### **Family Strengths Network** (Ali Harper via report)

- Not much movement in sign-ups for inclusive gingerbread event.
- Sign-ups this holiday season are lower than usual.

#### **The Gifted Horse** (Kristin Tobias)

- Hope to build a ramp for wheelchair accessibility.
- Suggestion that Los Alamos Makers may be able to assist.

#### **Marketing** (Mandy Marksteiner)

- Roundtable can as a group retain her marketing services.
- She will send a description of options and fees.

**Items for Next Meeting**

- Review survey plan and assignments.
- Speaker suggestions for the year's meetings.

**V. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

The next Roundtable meeting will be 1 p.m. Friday, Jan.17, at projectY cowork, 149 Central Park Square.

*These notes represent the author's understanding of the items discussed in the referenced meeting. Please notify Margi Harrach of any discrepancies within five (5) working days of receipt of this document.*

