**Action Team – Interview and Data Collection Form**

**Action Team Member:** Dominique Naccarato

**How Might We:** Build capacity and a model to facilitate community engagement, connect stakeholders, build bridges, creates synergy and create an inventory-system to match community skill sets to needs of community organizations

**Data Source:** One Valley Prosperity Project (OVPP) in Gunnison

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**Insights:** Community Builders Taskforce (CBT) is a Gunnison County group, managed the One Valley Prosperity Project (OVPP) with the goal of harnessing shared values to drive community action. CBT has a member representative from the Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley (CFGV). CFGV will help implement OVPP objectives of the Community Health Equity Action Plan, including:

* Convene the faith community to assess their collective com - commitment to this issue
* Develop an information sheet or other resource that includes programs in the Valley such as the Food Pantry, Mountain Roots’ Cooking Matters, etc.
* Distribute information sheet to community partners (County, Food Pantry, churches, etc.) to expand awareness about available resources.
* Create an event that draws attention to food cost issues and options
* Foster relationships with local hoteliers to set up programs for free and reduced rooms under certain circumstances
* Inventory existing programs offering weatherization programs and bill reduction assistance (Coldharbour, GCEA, Atmos, Habitat for Humanity, LEAP, local governments, etc.)
* Complete the Directory of Resources for Community Members and Providers.
* Work with faith community representatives for input.
* Faith community to assist in supporting basic needs in emergencies (housing, food)
* Implement the Gunnison Promise with the support of local foundations for Gunnison Watershed High School Graduates to attend Western and Delta Votech tuition free

One note from Christie Barton, our Chaffee County Planner, is that any OVPP objectives not championed by a community group did not happen. In other words, the above listed objectives taken on by the Gunnison Valley Community Foundation were those the foundation felt they could accomplish.

The Community Foundation of Gunnison Valley was formed in 2007 by uniting the Gunnison Area Community Foundation (formed in 1997) and the Crested Butte Community Foundation (formed in 2002). Here is some more info from there website (web link provided below):

The Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley is committed to the effective stewardship of our donors’ gifts and to preserving and developing permanent resources for the future. We’re committed to working with our valley nonprofits and community groups to enhance their abilities to achieve their goals and to accomplish their missions.  And we’re committed to facilitating effective dialogue and the exchange of ideas within the community – to making life in the Gunnison Valley better both today and into the future as we keep a watchful eye on the needs of the community.  Since the merger, the Community Foundation’s assets have grown from $2,000,000 to over $7,000,000.  Giving in 2013 was over the $700,000 mark!    Remember that the number includes competitive grants, donor advised fund grants, pass through funds from donors without permanent funds and moneys stewarded for fiscal sponsorships. A big number for our little valley of 15,000 permanent residents!

Because we are future-oriented, much of the CFGV’s history remains to be written. With the backdrop of the magnificent Upper Gunnison Watershed providing the scene for unfolding events and adventures, with a diverse and committed Board of Directors and with the generosity of our population, both permanent and periodic, it will surely be an exciting, relevant and heartwarming story.

**Any reports or maps or web links the team should read/review?**

http://cfgv.org/about-the-cfgv/the-foundations-history/

http://www.onevalleyprosperity.com/

http://www.onevalleyprosperity.com/sites/gunnison.engagingplans.org/files/document/pdf/OVPP%20Strategy%20Final%20Report.pdf