**Off-Campus Life Advisory Board Minutes**

**November 14, 2019**

Meeting came to order at 4:06pm.

In attendance: Aileen Weed, Bri Colon, Jenn Rieskamp, Lindsay Mason, Lance Volmer, Penny Gonzales-Soto, Kai Chase, Nancy Rhodes.

**Staff updates:** Introduced our new Program Coordinator, Bri Colon.

Our search for a Director will begin, hopefully, today. Hope to have new director by early February.

**Shovel Snowdown update:** We gave out 400 snow shovels on 10/3/19. New this year… we are emailing all who got shovels to let them know snow is coming. Took us 3 hours this year, most likely due to weather.

**Fall Clean Up update:** Fall Clean Up occurred early this year – 10/26/19 – due to home football game on the first weekend in November. 2600 volunteers registered; little over 2000 actually participated. 4818 bags of leaves collected by CSU teams; 700 collected by Faith teams. JR reviewed feedback from various surveys – all very positive.

**SFRB update:** Our fall presentation, along with RamRide’s, was a couple of weeks ago. A few good questions by the board, and we just gave them information about our offices.

**Visit to Montana:** Back in January, representatives from Montana State University came to Fort Collins and met with us (OCL) and partners. They are interested in creating an office similar to ours. We were then invited to present at their school/city to several entities. Four of us went – Lindsay, JR, Jeannie and Marcy Yoder (from Neighborhood Services). Talked to about 100 people in about 11 presentations in 2 days last month.

**OCTA:** Were invited to participate in this survey. At this point we are in the coalition stage; getting all entities to survey. Survey will go out some time in January. We will present on outcomes in ITGA in May.

Brainstorming: Are there any other entities in our community that we would like to include? No suggestions at this time.

**Basic Needs discussion:** Basic needs is a term used to indicate food and/or housing security. As an institution, we do a lot for food insecurity, but not much for housing. We feel OCL needs to do more for this basic need.

Question: If CSU could do anything and no limitations, what would we do?

* Transitional housing; university-owned; only for students
* Short-term emergency housing
* Partner with apartment complexes
* Reserve on-campus housing for emergency housing
* Have an individual to mediate conversations with city and county entities; maybe even a student position(s)
* Emergency rental assistance; first month rent assistance
* Partner with FCPS for quick background checks
* Contract with CSU and apt. complex for reduced nightly rate
* When registering, ask if they want info on basic needs
* Also add this to You@CSU
* Marketing to let people know all resources available
* Position split between OCL and Case Management or Financial Aid.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm.