

Chinook Forum – Minutes from 9/23/2015

5 members and 4 staff

1. Welcome and Icebreaker – Your Favorite Childhood Toy
2. Announcements
 - a. FALL STARTS TODAY!!!
 - b. 9/23 – Video production class this afternoon will cover populating the lower 1/3 of the screen.
 - c. 9/24 – There is a class in Creating Flyers and Posters at 10:00 AM.
 - d. 9/26 – There is a Fall Foliage drive and hike to Caribou Ranch, some snacks and water will be provided. Bring water with you anyway.
 - e. 9/28 – The push to get out the October Monthly newsletter will be today. All are encouraged to come help out.
 - f. 10/6 – We will be going to Falafel King on Pearl Street. We'll leave RWC at 4:30. All who attend will receive a free Falafel Sandwich (\$6.99 value)
 - g. 10/10 – Trip to Colorado Railroad Museum, leaving RWC parking lot at 11:00 AM. \$1.00 is needed to reserve your spot.
 - h. 10/13 – There will be 3 new people starting employment with RWC. Luke is the new Wellness Program Manager, Sarah is the new Chinook Program Manager, and Craig is the new Greeter.
 - i. 10/24 – Trip to the Colorado school of Mines.
 - j. 10/27 – Safe Harbor will be at 1:15. It is usually the 3rd Monday of the month but is moved this month.
 - k. 10/30 – There will be a Halloween party in the Colorado Rooms upstairs in the RWC.
 - l. Eric has started the new Culinary Arts program.
3. Old Business
 - a. The Voices in Recovery program is moving forward, a weekday to hold the meetings is being decided and the time will likely be 2:00 PM.
 - b. The possibility of starting a Caregivers Support Group is being discussed.
 - c. New sign-in sheets will start 10/1
 - d. The “Members Only” time is still being finalized. As of now potential days will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2:30 to 4:30.
 - e. Stamp out Stigma walk in hours are from 11:00 to 12:00 on Tuesdays. We have t-shirts for sale (\$7.00) and plenty of bracelets are available.
 - f. The new smoking area is up and running and working well. The area in front of the building is now a no-smoking area and this has eliminated a lot of problems with the litter and smoke smell.
4. New Business
 - a. Kari has gotten feedback about the price of hot lunches in the Café being too high and the portions are sometimes too small. There was some talk of making a maximum price of \$3.00 for lunches. In reviewing this concern we need to remember who we (Chinook) are serving and why we are here. This needs to be discussed by Members and Staff to see what kind of solutions we can come up with.
 - b. We are ALWAYS in need of help at the snack bar and with the point of sale system. All are encouraged to help out. You can attend the Safety and Sanitation training if you want to help in the kitchen. Kari has received comments that working in the kitchen does not seem as accessible as it has in the past. We need to develop signage to help people be aware of the possibilities, and how to train for them.
 - c. We can ALWAYS use more computer tutors.
5. Follow-up for future Forum or other Committees / Meetings.
 - a. Voices in Recovery
 - b. “Members Only” time
 - c. Café prices
 - d. Signage for helping in the Kitchen and Training opportunities to get you there.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN CHINOOK FORUM – THIS IS YOUR MEETING AND A TIME/PLACE FOR YOUR VOICE TO BE HEARD. COME PARTICIPATE AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS.