

April 3, 2023 – Social Justice Meeting

Present: Kathy and Tom Heffernan, Al Lowande, Vicki Huggins, Carolyn Dresser, Karen Fehringer

This meeting's purpose was to brainstorm ideas and see what direction we wanted to put our energies into. Some of the needs we talked about were:

- Lack of transportation for kids and adults between Ridgway and Ouray
- No place for kids to gather, like a community center for kids.
- Mental Health for Kids and adults
- A safe place for kids and adults to talk. Sometimes it easier to talk to someone you don't know. Having a place for adults and a place for kids, small groups.
- 18% of kids go to school hungry.
- Who is knowledgeable to speak about Mental Health, under the public Health Umbrella.
- Where could groups meet? Space to Create, 4 H Center, Ouray Community Center

Vickie Huggins will talk to the secondary principals about kids going to school hungry.

Al Lowande and Carolyn Dresler will speak to Tanner Kingery. We discussed having a gathering where people can talk - and have a presentation to educate about mental health issues.

Next meeting is May 1 at 4pm at the Heffernan's place.

Interested ROCC members are welcome.