**MDC REPURPOSING COMMITTEE**

**Report to BTAC**

**June 2, 2016**

# **Summary**

* 1. Two well-attended meetings
     1. Doug Scolt
     2. Christine Binkowski
     3. Lynn Price
     4. Tony Zufelt
     5. Deb Gabse
     6. Rhandi Rachlis
     7. Dick Norden
     8. Janie Lewis
     9. County Commissioner – Leonard Wortman
     10. Mayor Gary Craft
     11. Dan Villa – Governor’s Budget Director (via phone)
     12. Senator Jim Keane
     13. Representative Ryan Lynch
     14. Representative Edie McClafferty
     15. Drew Dawson
     16. Tom Harrington
     17. Sabrina Steketee (Guest)
     18. Sally Buckles (Guest)
     19. Micky Zurcher (Guest)
     20. Jan Anderson (Guest)
     21. Lisa Vossler (Guest – via phone)
     22. Robert Rule (Guest)
     23. Mike Garcia, Veterans Administration (Guest)
  2. Discussed
     1. Purposes of the Committee
     2. Draft Community Criteria for proposed use of MDC campus
     3. “Parking Lot” of potential non-state uses of MDC campus
  3. Received updates from Governor’s Office – State actions to date – process to selecting new tenet at MDC
  4. Received briefing from Robert Rule - ***Manufacturing at The Boulder River Valley and possible use of MDC campus for Veteran’s Administration needs***
  5. Received briefing from Mike Garcia from Veterans Administration

1. REQUEST OF BTAC
   1. Review/comment
      1. Purpose of the MDC Repurposing Committee
      2. Community criteria
      3. Parking of potential private and other non-state uses of the MDC campus
   2. Other suggestions
   3. Next steps

# **Purposes of committee – draft language for review by BTAC**

## Understand the facts and legal issues about repurposing MDC

## Propose the community’s criterion for a Repurposed MDC campus– whether a state or private use

## Keep abreast of the State activities about repurposing MDC campus

## Serve as conduit of information between State government and Boulder community for the exchange of information about repurposing – such as regular conduct of public meetings, newspaper articles, etc.

## Provide recommendations to State about proposed state use of MDC campus

## Provide recommendations to State about proposed private or local use of MDC campus if no State use is defined

## If a state use of MDC is selected, work with the State agency to facilitate to location of their personnel to Boulder including enticing them to live in the Boulder area.

## Other

# **Community criteria – draft language for review by BTAC**

1. A repurposed MDC campus should not exceed the level of security appropriate to the population housed in the Secure Transition Facility;
2. A repurposed MDC facility should be consistent with the VISION STATEMENT adopted in the *Making Boulder’s Future Bright* project
3. A repurposed MDC facility should not be a “huge” facility, but a small facility similar in size and scope to the existing MDC campus.
4. Ideally, the functions of a repurposed MDC facilities would complement and utilize the skill sets of existing MDC employees, would utilize the skills and capabilities of Boulder residents and provide a solid foundation of jobs for future Boulder generations
5. Ideally, a repurposed MDC would provide employment for existing MDC employees including opportunities for re-training, as needed.
6. A repurposed MDC might build upon the long-term experience and capabilities of the Boulder community with individuals with developmental disabilities and provide employment opportunities for them.
7. The salaries and payroll of the repurposed facility should be comparable to or greater than those of the current MDC

# **“Parking lot” of potential non-state uses of MDC campus**

* 1. Health Care for people who are aging.
  2. [Look at the information in the Boulder Study Circles recommendations]
  3. Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy Training – need skills behavioral management also
  4. Education, especially vo-tech, that may also take advantage of the high-speed internet capability that is expanding in Boulder area.
  5. Business that hire individuals with developmental disabilities as employees (still comply with deed restrictions)
  6. Department of Corrections – Day work facilities – low risk
  7. A variety of services to veterans including behavioral health services
  8. Behavioral health services to other populations
  9. Veterinarian technician training school
  10. Training program for those who work with individuals with developmental disabilities including group homes