

**Boulder Transition Advisory Committee (BTAC)**  
**Report to MDC Transition Advisory Council**  
**June 23, 2016**

I. Final Study Circles Report – to be completed and distributed at July 7<sup>th</sup> BTAC meeting

II. BTAC

- a. Focus on communications – internal and external
  - i. All minutes on Chamber of Commerce web site
  - ii. Working on internal and external communication plan for BTAC activities
  - iii. Citizen engagement is paramount
- b. Department of Agriculture presentations

III. Letter of Appreciation to be sent to MDC Employees

IV. Committees

- a. Based on community priorities established at Action Forum at completion of Study Circles
- b. Purpose
  - i. Continue to work on priorities
  - ii. Identify resource needs coordinated through BTAC
  - iii. Help provide input to Master Plan
  - iv. Citizen engagement
- c. Committees
  - i. Recreation
    - 1. Trails – motorized and non-motorized
    - 2. Fishing
    - 3. Other
  - ii. MDC Repurposing
  - iii. Marketing of Boulder
    - 1. Focused on Tourism and Branding of Boulder
    - 2. Assistance of Mary Rochelle, FoodCorps Vista Volunteer, volunteering to help
  - iv. Attracting Business into Boulder/Support to Existing Businesses
    - 1. Identification of opportunities and barriers for attracting businesses
    - 2. Director Meg O’Leary of Department of Commerce and Sean Becker, Administrator of Montana Office of Tourism & Business Development met with this committee and Marketing last week
- d. BOULDER AREA MASTER PLAN GRANT – APPROVED!
  - i. Big Sky Trust Foundation Grant for the Development of Boulder Area “Master Plan” was approved and announced by Director O’Leary at last week’s meeting
  - ii. Community Coordination meeting in Boulder on July 21<sup>st</sup>
  - iii. Director O’Leary stressed the importance of the Master Plan for driving future resources for the Boulder area. The Master Plan is the starting place!
  - iv. The BTAC committees can continue to help identify economic development needs, and coordinate with the Master Plan Development and potential funding ideas that might emerge through that process to help address community needs and stimulate economic development.
  - v. The Master Plan is the “trigger point” for additional funding resources from Federal, State and private agencies as well as providing factual demographic and economic information for attracting businesses.
  - vi. This can also result in a coordinated strategy and budget strategy that help guide the expenditure of the economic assistance funding requested for Boulder in the Governor’s budget

# BTAC - MDC REPURPOSING COMMITTEE

## I. Purposes of committee – draft language for review by BTAC

- a. Understand the facts and legal issues about repurposing MDC
- b. Propose the community's criterion for a Repurposed MDC campus– whether a state or private use
- c. Keep abreast of the State activities about repurposing MDC campus
- d. 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.
- e. Provide recommendations to State about proposed state use of MDC campus
- f. Provide recommendations to State about proposed private or local use of MDC campus if no State use is defined
- g. 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.
- h. Other

## II. Community criteria – draft language for review by BTAC

- a. A repurposed MDC campus should not exceed the level of security appropriate to the population housed in the Secure Transition Facility;
- b. A repurposed MDC facility should be consistent with the VISION STATEMENT adopted in the *Making Boulder's Future Bright* project
- c. A repurposed MDC facility should not be a “huge” facility, but a small facility similar in size and scope to the existing MDC campus.
- d. 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
- e. Ideally, a repurposed MDC would provide employment for existing MDC employees including opportunities for re-training, as needed.
- f. 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.
- g. The salaries and payroll of the repurposed facility should be comparable to or greater than those of the current MDC

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

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