



May 18, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM by Chair Sarah VanCleve

Attendance: Sarah VanCleve – Chair, Dave Frederick – Vice Chair, Chris Brunell – Secretary, Trudy Stacy – Member at Large, Julie Graves, Monica Bernhard, Sara Harvey, ClaraAnn Ness, Kirsten Jewell, Nancy Martin, Julie McGill, Mary Gleysteen, Manny Cruz, Sean Raybell, Sandra Paulino-Winborn, Angie Zimmerman, Jackie Fojtik, Lynda Reese, Jodi Painter, Eve King-Hill, Mary Pat Lancefield, Neil Sampson, Sheryl Piercy, Elaine Miller, Marta Holt, Lynette Bird, Terry Schroeder

Introductions were made around the table.

Agenda Review: There were no additions to the agenda. The program presenter was unable to make it at the last minute, so there is no program today.

Minutes: Mary Gleysteen moved and Elaine Miller seconded to approve the minutes from April 2016 as presented. The motion passed.

Kitsap County Report – Kirsten Jewel: The mandatory technical assistance for the Coordinated Grant Application is next Tuesday, May 24th at 9 am for Services, Operations and Maintenance, CHDO Operating, Economic Development Micro Enterprise and at 1 pm Capital (Housing and Homeless Facilities). Applicants must attend the appropriate session.

Kitsap County Housing and Homelessness Programs is on track to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Coordinated Entry. They anticipate releasing the RFP on June 15. There will be a separate RFP for an HMIS Data Person for the county.

Save the Date for the Homeless Summit on June 30. Information will be sent to Executive Management level persons in organizations. Organizations can choose who they would like to have attend. That evening, there will be a presentation, open to the public, with a speaker who was responsible for Utah's successful Housing First program.

The Homes for All Who Served, working on eliminating veterans' homelessness continues. They anticipate doing another Master List project in the fall. Their goal is to end veteran homelessness in Kitsap County by Veterans Day 2016.

Kirsten serves on the Washing State Advisory Council on Homelessness. In coordination with the Interagency Council on Homelessness they are working on affordable housing and homeless issues.

Conference on Ending Homelessness: Several persons attended the conference and spoke about some of the sessions they attended and hot topics. Lynda Reese attended the Medicaid 1115 Waiver training. It is a way that agencies can bill Medicaid for services to chronic homeless persons. There is specific, narrow criteria as to who can be served and the services that can be provided, plus it has to be revenue neutral. Another session was on Tiny Houses. An organization in Jefferson County hopes to build 10 to 15 tiny houses on county land for a maximum of ten years. The tiny houses will cost \$5,000 – 6,000 each. They plan to use only private donations; no government funding. They are hosting a tent village on the land now. Sara Harvey was happy to be able to attend and noticed that everyone was willing to share their successes as well as failures. She attended two sessions related specifically to DV. One presenter gave a great presentation about the benefit of self-sufficiency but couldn't provide information on the process. Another interesting session talked about how eligibility criteria, when renting, can result in discrimination. It was interesting to talk with others from across the state. One hot topic was vulnerability assessments, with the focus on the most vulnerable. One of the assessments is VI-SPDAT Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool or SPDAT. How Low Can You Go talked about extremely low barrier housing and how to make sure we are serving the most needy. Another hot theme was diversion. Diversion is similar to prevention, but the premise with diversion is that most people are capable of solving the problem. They will meet with the staff person to talk through the issues that got them to this point and what resources they have available to them. By talking through the resources, it empowers people. States of Homeless Emergencies had a panel discussion with those areas that have declared a state of emergency. They talked about what that means and what opportunities it brings. There was also a report on populations in cities. It showed a 150% higher risk of experiencing repeated homelessness is incarceration; the second highest predictor is mental health issues.

Coordinator Report – Terry Schroeder: In April the HIC was completed and submitted to Commerce. They had a couple clarifying questions that Terry was able to answer within a few days. Started work on entering the jail survey data. Commerce anticipates an earlier release of the CoC (McKinney) NOFA this year, probably late summer or early fall.

Gimme Shelter – Marta Holt: Marta said they want to do a Gimme Shelter Ride again this year. Last year was the first year and it raised \$800, which was used to purchase outdoor supplies for Project Connect. The main goal of Gimme Shelter last year was education. This year they hope to make it more of a fund raiser. At this time, they are not sure what organization will receive the proceeds. Gimme Shelter consists of a motorcycle ride around Hood Canal in the morning with information tables from organizations and food in the afternoon in Evergreen Park. Destination Harley has agreed to be a sponsor and they have support from the Kitsap Community Foundation. They are looking for volunteers interested in taking part with the event planning and someone engaged with the motorcycle community. Organizations are encouraged to be represented at the Gimme Shelter run in the afternoon.

Agency Updates

Agape – Angie Zimmerman: They have openings in their tenant based program. The lease is in the client's name, but Agape provides a subsidy.

Peninsula Community Health Services – Lynette Bird: They have added a question about a person's homeless status to their registration form. PCHS will be participating in Kitsap Kids Day at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

The Salvation Army – Sheryl Piercy: Kitsap Connect will work out of The Salvation Army. There will be a Lunch with the Elected on July 28.

Crime Victim Assistance Center – Nancy Martin: Nancy is retiring; Julie McGill will be the new person with the CVAC. Nancy will continue as a volunteer. For a while, she and Nancy are both working there, so it is a good time to send someone who has been a victim of a crime.

Kitsap Community Resources – Monica Bernhard: They will be working on their community needs assessment that is done every three years. Monica will be meeting with agencies to gather information. A Crisis Response Team was approved through the 1/10 of 1% grant. This team will work with the high utilizers of EMT, ER, etc. It will consist of a mental health person, RN, and coordinator. The Coordinator position will be posted soon through the Health District. It is hoped to get this started soon.

Department of Corrections – Sean Raybell: Sean is involved in the Re-entry Task Force through the S'Klallam Tribe as part of the Community Partnership for Transition Services. CPTS coordinates persons who are being discharged from confinement.

Harrison Hospital – Neil Sampson, Mary Pat Lancefield, Eve King-Hill: They are improving services to persons who are homeless and working to ensure that people are not discharged from the hospital into homelessness.

Catholic Community Services – Chris Brunell: Benedict House is full and they are seeing a higher than usual number of persons with medical issues. They have a full time position for an overnight staff and are looking for a lawn mower.

Coffee Oasis – Dave Frederick: Dave announced that Coffee Oasis is now making incredible pastries they sell at all locations. They are increasing their catering. They anticipate opening their new location on Naval Avenue at the former KFC site. This will be a drive through and café and will replace the drive through on 6th Street. In October they hope to open their facility in Kingston. They were awarded a 1/10 of 1% grant for a Homeless Youth Intervention in coordination with Kitsap Mental Health Services.

Housing Solutions Center – Jackie Fojtik: They have funding for people with an eviction notice and a little rapid rehousing funding available.

Building 9 – Lynda Reese: They are working with Stafford Creek and Purdy Women's Prison to help veterans in those facilities. They will be launching SOAR to help agencies learn to assist clients in completing an application for SSI/SSDI so that they get approved quickly and start receiving benefits. Two flyers were distributed and will be on the KCoCC website. Don't forget to encourage veterans with housing issues to go to VHOG at KCR, 1201 Park Ave, Bremerton on Mondays at 1 pm.

Kingston CARES – Mary Gleysteen: Mary reported the Village Green Community Center has an interview room that can be used by agencies that need a space in Kingston.

Parent-Child Assistance Program – ClaraAnn Ness: Clara says they still have openings for women who are pregnant or recently delivered and used chemicals during their pregnancy.

YWCA – Sarah Harvey: They have a two bedroom plus permanent supportive housing unit available for someone who is a victim of domestic violence, is disabled and chronically homeless.

Kitsap Legal Services – Jodi Painter: They are continuing their legal advice clinics. On Friday mornings at the courthouse, they have landlord/tenant clinics. They are interested in partnering with agencies to provide presentations and/or legal advice clinics. They currently partner with the YWCA to provide DV Survivor Clinics and they are in the planning stages with the Kitsap Rescue Mission.

Kitsap County – Kirsten Jewell: Kirsten wanted to ensure that our local community is prepared to assist in advocating to remove the cliff so there is no expiration date on the document recording fees. A majority of the fees are set to expire in 2019, so in the 2017 legislative session, the WLIHA will be working hard to remove those expiration dates, in order to preserve the amount of homeless funding available.

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition Coordinator Position: There was discussion regarding the Coordinator position for 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Brunell, Secretary