

Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition (CoCC)
Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 2-4PM

Attendees:

Sarah Van Cleve, Chair Executive Committee, Bremerton Housing Authority, svanclave@bremertonhousing.org
Marta Holt, Secretary Executive Committee, North Kitsap Fishline, homeshare@nkfishline.org
Kirsten Jewell, Kitsap County, kjewell@co.kitsap.wa.us
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Jackie Fojtik, Housing Solutions Center (HSC), jfojtik@kcr.org
Manny Cruz, KMHS, manny@kmhs.org
Sheryl Piercy, Salvation Army, Sheryl.piercy@usw.salvationarmy.org
Robin O'Grady, Project Connect,
Linda Ellingsworth,

AGENDA ITEMS

Introductions: ALL

1. Agenda Review/Approval of Minutes/Executive Committee Notes, Sarah Van Cleve:

- Minutes: Wrong date on the heading, please change to July 19, 2017. Also, Julie Graves is not on the nominating committee, please remove her name from the list.
Motion to Approve:
 - First - Manny Cruz
 - Second - Tessa
- Sending around a sheet with a list of new possible names for the CoCC. Select up to two.
- One of the Goals of Exec Committee is to get the word out of the existence of the CoCC and purpose. Idea is for people to attend City Council meetings as a representative of the CoCC (not your organization), and talk about who we are and the problem of homelessness in Kitsap. Sending around a sign up sheet for attending.

2. Emergency Response, Dave Rasmussen of the Dept of Emergency Management (DEM)

- a. Risk of Earthquakes and things you can do to stay safe in your home and for your organization.
Stage 1 – Before the Earthquake
Stage 2 – After the Earthquake

Stage 1:

If you are prepared in Stage 1, you are much more prepared to respond effectively in Stage 2.

Local organizations/agencies:

Normal Operations – you are busy, we know. But if you invest in training and planing now.

- a) Personal/Household concerns
- b) Business continuity
- c) Client Prep (helping them with their level of personal & household preparedness)

Stage 2:

Will you be operational after the earthquake?

Normal
Accelerated
Leadership

Last time there was a major subduction earthquake was in January of 1700. Japan documented the tsunami
We also have the Seattle Fault line, and the Puget Sound Fault Lines.

4 Steps to Earthquake Preparedness:

- 1) Prepare yourself
- 2) Prepare your home
- 3) Prepare your supplies
- 4) Prepare you neighborhood.

SAFETY FIRST: Drop, Cover, Hold On

After the earthquake, stay indoors, check for injuries, turn on the radio, and INITIATE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN

SUPPLIES:

- 7-14 Days
- Food nonperishable
- Water – 1 gal per person/day
- Store supplied in a dry and accessible place
- Consolidate smaller items into a to go kit
- Check supplies every six months and change the water
 - Water
 - Food
 - Prescriptions
 - Radio
 - Flashlight
 - First aid kit
 - Documents
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COMMUNICATION

Keeping in contact during a disaster (crank radio or walkie-talkie)

Specific updates on 1400 AM

PREPARE YOUR HOME:

PREPARE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Talk to neighbors
- Plan together
- Share contact information
- Which neighbors have which tools
- What skills do neighbors have?

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

WORKPLACE RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE THE DISASTER

- Develop a plan
- Establish team
- Gather supplies
- Test communication
- Exercise plan.

Q&A:

Sarah Van Cleve – do you collect disaster preparedness plans? Is there a preparedness data base?

A: They train and they know who trains.

Linda Ellingsworth – What's the best material to build with

A: Wood is good. Building standards now know what not to do. (ie: tie house downs to concrete slabs)

Sara Harvey – Home preparedness kits for people who can't afford to buy kits or supplies?

A: not really. Idea is to spend a little each week in building your kit up.

Sarah VC – Does county have a plan? What are we doing about the bigger area?

A: the plan is to educate the public about how you can be prepared on a micro level. Each emergency response department, hospital, and school has a plan.

Handouts include:

Make your business resilient
Natural Disasters
Earthquake Country
Emergency Contact cards
Wash. Emergency Mgmt.
Earthquake Home Hazard Hunt
Preparing Neighborhoods.
Emergency Notifications

3. NEW HSC PROGRAMS AND CoCC Nominations, Jackie Fojtik, KCR/HSC.

- See the report of the nomination committee.
- HSC starting new program:
 - VHOG – Veterans Housing Options Group. All groups that help veterans get housed meet in one place. KCR at Noon on Mondays. They've been enormously successful. So, KCR is thinking of using that model: HSC is having on Tuesdays at 1PM groups meet for people who just aren't making the housing connection. Starting Sept 14 @ KCR 12th & Park – If someone has a housing need and they have a barrier, all the providers will be there in the room and see if they can't get that person served. It is specifically for housing. GHOG (General Housing Options Group).

4. County Updates, Kirsten Jewell, Kitsap County Housing and Homelessness Program:

- Cory Durenburger – taking HMIS specialist position.
- PIT – A lot of surveys came in. Will take some time to get the data. Also have PIT Jail counts to look at – 1 page on that within a couple of weeks
- Coord Grants – Moving most applications forward for review. Over the next month they will be scored and interviews will be scheduled. Will be very competitive (familiar apps, new apps from familiar orgs, and new apps from new orgs).
- Consolidated Homeless Grants (CHG) – State portion of documented recording fee – funds emergency shelters, HEN, and TANF. They have all contracts ready to go when funds are released.
- State advisory council on homeless – working on broad definitions about tiny shelters – when they're appropriate and how they fit in with system and when they are eligible for state funds.

5. Agency Updates

- Manny – KMHS – Outside Homeless Committee regarding people living between the forest. There was a meeting on Tuesday 8/15 with homeless people about a transitory accommodation. 40 homeless people came. Stuart talked about the option. 2 of the attendees actually live in the forest there. Concerns are sanitation. Stuart told the group that they cannot harass staff and visitors to KMH. They are hoping to be able to house maybe 40 people. Mike O'shaughnessy is heading it. Talking about how to let them stay there... needs include health issues of picking up needles, fecal contamination, garbage. They would like to be able to provide a porta-potty. They want it to be on a fast track. Very positive meeting. People got very excited about the possibility of getting a tent encampment there. They volunteered to clean up.
- Penny at HRB – developing a new communications plan. Social Media training happening and everyone is invited: Thursday 8/31 from 10-1 on BI.

- Sheryl, Salvation Army – clients are very excited about Homeless tent encampment. 8/25 Summer Carnival for families who can't afford to go to the fair. 10/5 lunch with the elected officials.
- Jackie, HSC: PSE funds available for energy assistance is avail. HARPS funds available next week.
- Shaylynn, GoodWill – Family and Friends Day this Friday 8/18 if you have a coupon you get 50% off everything in the Store. The store will open an hour early for this.
- YWCA – hiring new finance manager. Victims services training in October. Derek Kilmer is doing an advocacy training on Thursday 6:30 – 8 at the Fairgrounds RSVP
- Housing Kitsap – moving offices back to Silverdale. National Night Out was held at Nollwood on the 1st... maybe over a hundred people there.
- BHA – Public Housing waitlist opened and closed in 34 minutes... 300 applications.

Homeless Preference by HUD standards – compiling a list of properties who have adopted the policy. Will prepare a letter to each of the property owner/operators to convert to this. Had to have been funded.