



## October 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Secretary Sarah VanCleve
2. Attendance: *Sarah VanCleve – Secretary, Kirsten Jewell, Jessica Thomas, Penny Lamping, Lindsey Phillips, Becky Boughton, Manny Cruz, Major Jim Baker, Gina Lindal, Jessica Thomas, Jenell DeMatteo, Linda Kerkes, Deanne Montgomery, Beverly Kincaid, Robin O’Grady, Walt LeCouteur, Jennifer Calvin, Dave Foote, Kati Eckenrode, Denise Agee, Ruth Westergaard, Trudy Stacy, Monica Bernhard, Clara Ann Ness, Patti Peterson, Jackie Brown, Terry Schroeder*
3. Introductions were made around the table.
4. **Agenda Review:** No changes made.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

**Kitsap County Public Health District – Dave Zollweg:** Dave provided a presentation about bed bugs, “A Bed Bug Overview”. He provided information as to what they are, how they act, how to prevent them, how to determine if you have them and how to get rid of them. They are small, flat insects that feed on human blood, typically at night. It takes 21 days for a bed bug to go from egg hatch to adult; they live for 12 to 18 months; they can lay eggs every 6 weeks and they can live for a long time without food. Although some people are more sensitive to bed bug bites, there are no known cases of disease that are caused by them. Despite common belief, bed bugs are not attracted to dirt so they can be found in a clean home as well as one that is dirty. With clutter on a floor, they do have more places to hide. Typically, bed bugs come into a home through luggage or clothing and may travel from one apartment to another in an apartment complex.

Typically, they will hide in the seams of mattresses, box springs, bed frames and couches. They are also often found in the cracks and crevices of beds, furniture, floors and walls. Bites appear as itchy, red bite marks or welts on a person’s exposed skin, typically in a clustered area or line. They will bite any exposed area of a person’s body ~ legs, arms, face, hands. The best way to get rid of bed bugs is **integrated management approach**. This means combining a variety of control techniques ~ vacuuming, with the nozzle attachment along the seams of mattresses and box springs and all crevices of the bed as well as other objects close to the bed. Be sure to empty the vacuum into a sealed plastic bag. Steam cleaning the areas is also an effective way to get rid of any bugs as they do not live in heat for any period of time. After this, cover your mattress, box spring and pillows with a certified bed bug cover encasement. You may also want to contact a professional pest control company to assist, especially with any pesticide management.

There are only 22 states that have any kind of statute addressing bed bugs and Washington is not one of them. No county in Washington has a Bed Bug ordinance; they all refer to the Landlord Tenant Law, RCW 59.18.060. Landlords are obligated to manage infestations in rental units with an exception in single family residences and in cases where the infestation is caused by the tenant. Of course, determining who is responsible for the infestation is very difficult to determine. The

Health District will only become involved if the building is determined to be unsafe; they have no authority inside buildings. The Health District would like to see an ordinance regarding bed bugs, mold, etc. They are doing more in the way of education. Walt LeCouteur stated that 50% of the missions in the US use a Hot House that people must go through before entering the mission for the night. There also is a shelter in Portland that uses a sauna that people sit in for a period of time before entering the shelter. It does not take bed bugs long to succumb to high heat so these methods are effective at preventing them.

**Underserved Populations – Marta Holt:** Marta led a discussion regarding the action steps that were identified from the Presentation and Next Steps discussion held in early October. One item that was identified was a mobile van where their belongings would be heat treated. There were a few committees proposed. These are already in progress at some level: Mentally ill – homeless and at risk, Households with teenage boys, Homeless households with no income. This is a relatively easy solution: Bedbugs – possibly a grant to purchase a mobile van shared by several agencies. The following need committees to be started or continue: Re-entry from jail, prison or ex-offenders; exiting hospitals and needing some respite care; chemically dependent – Harm reduction facility or program; Homeless shelter for couples; Shelter/assistance for households with pets. Those that would require long-term or systemic changes: Chronically homeless, seniors – create more permanent affordable housing. Some other ideas that came up: Coordination of grant efforts and Reinvalidate the Community Education and Outreach efforts of the CoCC.

**Project Connect – Terry Schroeder:** Terry reported that Project Connect is moving along. Julie put in a grant to the Suquamish Tribe to cover the food costs; receiving that would be a great boost. They have a possible Donation Coordinator.

## AGENCY UPDATES

**Kitsap Recovery Center – Linda Kerkes:** They are very full in all programs. Their alumni group is enthusiastic and planning for Christmas gifts for persons in their 44-bed facility.

**Bremerton Housing – Sarah VanCleve:** Bremerton Housing is moving to their new location at 600 Park Avenue in November. Our November meeting will be at the 4040 Wheaton Way, Bremerton in November.

**Kitsap Legal Services – Becky Boughton:** They have seen their numbers increase recently. They had a presence at Operation Hope in North Kitsap and will be at the ABCD Financial Fair.

**VA Housing - Jessica Thomas –** They are at Bremerton Housing every Thursday. If there are other places where they could do outreach, be sure to let Jessica know and they will try to get something set up. They want to do as much outreach as possible.

**Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council – Kirsten Jewell:** The public hearing on the Grant Recommendation Committee's recommendations for the AHFA, HH, and County CDBG grant funding will be next Tuesday, October 24 at 10 am at the Norm Dicks Government Center. You can still submit a letter that the board would receive that morning or attend the meeting and provide input at that time. The board will take action on the recommendations. Kirsten has been working with Thurston and Grays Harbor counties as they were interested in how we do things in Kitsap.

**Sound Grants – Bev Kincaid:** The Kitsap Great Give, similar to Seattle Foundation's Give Big, will be May 16. Now is the time to sign up with Kitsap Community Foundation to participate in Kitsap's Great Give.

**The Salvation Army – Sheryl Piercy:** Their Thanksgiving meal will be on Thanksgiving Day from 11 pm to 1 pm. They will take any leftover Thanksgiving turkeys. The Send Hunger Packing is a community food drive from November 1 through November 30.

**Westsound Treatment – Robin O’Grady:** They hope to launch their Compass program in January. This is a Vocational program to assist persons in obtaining employment. They will be working with various agencies and have several lined up. They are also waiting on a Boeing grant for this program. Robin has had her first book published, “The Optimist Edge”. She will have it available at an event at the Conference Center.

**Kitsap Rescue Mission – Walt LeCouteur:** Walt thanked everyone for their support and well wishes during his convalescence. KRM is launching Real Change on November 5<sup>th</sup> with their first vendor meeting and distribution of the newspaper. They need five stakeholders for community support. Real Change wants to make sure that there is community support to back Kitsap Rescue Mission taking on this endeavor. Real Change has started a media campaign in Kitsap. On October 21, KRM will be opening a Winter Day Warming Room at their facility for people to come in, relax, play games and get warm. Their Fresh Start program is moving into its full phase and will have capacity for nine men. They have a plan to move to a larger building and are working on it. They received a grant for transportation items, such as bus tokens, ORCA cards, gas vouchers, etc. They will no longer be able to use the meal site at The Hub for their Friday night meals, after October 31; they are in the process of finding a new site and will let us know when they do.

**Kitsap Community Resources – Darlene Cook:** This Friday is their open house for Jackson Village from 2 pm to 4 pm. Jackson Village is 10 2-bedroom units that will be available through a project-based voucher program. It is located behind KCR’s South Kitsap site near Lund and Jackson.

**Habitat for Humanity – Ginny Duff:** They are getting more Facebook usage. They have seen 300 families in one week and more high-earner families are coming in. One thing they are noticing is that once someone’s home is completed, getting them and their belongings moved in can be difficult.

**St. Vincent de Paul – Denise Agee:** They are currently taking signups for Thanksgiving baskets; they will distribute about 400 baskets this year.

**Housing Solutions Center – Monica Bernhard:** They have been steadily busy. Rent assistance has been available and that always increases the activity with the HSC. The Westwood Apartments have had several units tagged red/yellow and those people have been coming in for housing assistance. They also have received a lot of calls due to the federal shutdown. Monica has been a part of the Outside Homeless group looking at the South Kitsap Regional Park and trying to come up with a solution for the homeless living in the park. Two small groups walked through the park area one morning, posting Sheriff’s Order to Vacate. They had hoped to see some people and talk with them, but they did not find anyone still there so had to leave the signs on the campsite.

**Kitsap County Public Health District – Ruth Westergaard:** They will be giving free flu shots throughout the county at the various food banks. In-person Assisters will be on site as well to assist people with navigating through the Health Benefit Exchange. For help in Spanish, interpreters are available at the Health District clinic in the Norm Dicks Government Center.

**United Way of Kitsap – Dave Foote:** Starting November 1, the Immigration Assistance Center will be housed at the United Way building in Bremerton. The free mobile clinic will now have prescription vouchers, funded by United Way to provide to clients who need a prescription filled. The Kitsap Community Health Priorities (KCHP) Collective Impact Training will be held in November; please plan to attend. Collective impact is the way we will be moving forward. United Way, Kitsap Community Foundation, and Suquamish Tribe received a Gates Foundation grant to look at generational poverty. KCHP will help them determine some of the parameters for that grant. Send Hunger Packing is working on getting the major service organizations (Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions) throughout the county on board to help this effort. The Sally Santana Aid for

the Homeless fund will be matched up to \$50,000. Kitsap Sun will try to put some money in, since Sally wrote a bi-weekly column for them for many years. The United Way Board will be setting up the priorities for funding through this account.

**House of Hope – Kati Eckenrode:** They are a broad ministry that goes into jails and prisons to work with the inmates. They have seen that a lot of the women need assistance with finding housing when they are released.

**DSHS – Bremerton CSO – Gina Lindal:** As of October 1, the CSO does not process all medical applications. Everyone must apply through the Health Benefit Exchange at [www.wahealthplanfinder.org](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org), 1-855-923-4633; complete a paper application which the CSO will then send to HBE or with an in-person assister. She passed out a flyer with information on this.

**Kitsap Transit – Trudy Stacey:** Trudy will be presenting a resolution to the Transit Board to permanently approve the free ticket pilot program. They also are booking their portable ORCA unit for outreach opportunities where it is expected that 10 or more people would apply.

**Parent-Child Assistance Program – ClaraAnn Ness:** Clara passed out some brochures regarding their program. They work with pregnant or new moms who have used alcohol/drugs during their pregnancy. They can work with them for three years to help them become stable and good moms.

**Bremerton Foodline – Patti Peterson:** The Foodbank Coalition of Kitsap appreciates any support for the Send Hunger Packing that starts on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Coordinator Report – Terry Schroeder:** Terry reported that she continues to work with the South Kitsap Regional Park group, looking at the South Kitsap Regional Park and the area under the Blackjack Creek Bridge. She attended: Consolidated Housing Grant meeting to determine the distribution of funding from Commerce for 2014-15, the Underserved Populations Forum, Outside Homeless Committee and Project Connect meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah VanCleve, Secretary