



August 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM by Chair Julie Graves

Attendance: *Julie Graves – Chair, Sarah Van Cleve – Vice Chair, ClaraAnn Ness, Manny Cruz, Kirsten Jewell, Monica Bernhard, Walt LeCouteur, Nancy Martin, Jackie Brown, Doug Washburn, Angie Zimmerman, Sandra Paulino-Winborn, Ginny Duff, Sheryl Piercy, Trudy Stacy, Sabina Wagner-Lewis, Janet Simonson, Lena Takeuchi, Katie Eilers, Terry Schroeder*

Introductions were made around the table.

**Agenda Review:** There were no additions made to the agenda.

**Minutes from July:** Jackie Fojtik moved and Manny Cruz seconded to approve the minutes with the following corrections. On page two, the second full sentence should read: PCAP has been in existence for 24 and in Kitsap since 2008, with Kitsap being one of the leading sites. On page two the first word in the second line of the second paragraph, should be psychosis instead of psychotic. On page two under Nomination Committee the sixth word in the fourth line should be Chair instead of Char. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**Washington Low Income Housing Alliance – Kate Baber:** Kate stated WLIHA is a statewide policy advocacy group, working primarily on state legislative issues. Kate went over the Medicaid Supportive Services benefit. This benefit would provide a new source of funding as some services would be covered by Medicaid. At this time, the Health Care Authority and DSHS are seeking a waiver and expenditure authorities from the federal Centers on Medicaid and Medicare Services to implement three initiatives including the supportive housing Medicaid benefit. Comments on the draft waiver application can be made through Sunday, August 23. A sample letter of support was distributed, as well as information regarding the waiver application and a link to the full application. Agencies were encouraged to send letters of support. Some states have already received a waiver so there is hope that Washington's application will be approved. It is anticipated this would provide an additional \$50 million per year statewide. This would be used for persons who have a high risk for medical costs, with a PRISM score of 1.5. For more information, contact Kate at [kateb@wliha.org](mailto:kateb@wliha.org). Other areas where WLIHA was lead agency included:

- Housing Trust Fund - \$75 million included in the final budget, with improved language for the allocation process.
- Expand and Protect Tenant Rights – There were several bills, none of which passed, but progress was made. They will continue this advocacy next year.
- Protect HEN, ABD and SSI Facilitation – No budget cuts occurred to these programs.
- Create a new local funding option for affordable housing – The bill passed, but requires a vote of the people to be implemented.

Kate discussed the McCleary decision and that the State Supreme Court has fined the State \$100,000 per day for not funding K-12 at the level required. The funds from the fine will be distributed to an education account. TANF was partially restored to the pre-2011 levels and Basic Food was restored. The HMIS bill to improve data collection did not pass. Kate distributed a sheet describing the legislative agenda outcomes for both WLIHA lead support items and support items where they were not the lead. That sheet will be on the website

**Bylaws – Julie Graves:** Julie read the bylaw amendment of Section 4.2, Membership. Walt LeCouteur moved and Marta Holt seconded to approve the bylaws as amended; the motion passed.

**Homeless Housing Plan – Kirsten Jewell:** We have done a survey of people experiencing homeless, providers, stakeholders, met with each mayor, city council members, county commissioners and the community. The next step is to put all the information together and write the 10-year progress report. Kirsten hopes to have a draft available to the Kitsap CoCC members prior to September 16. There are five goals: Make homelessness rare, brief and one-time, maximize the efficiency of the crisis response system and engage the community better. It will have better coordination with the Consolidated Plan and the County Coordinated Plan. All will reference the others.

**Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness – Kirsten Jewell:** This group is working on a Master List Project which will provide information about veterans and others who are unsheltered, especially those who are not seeking services. The project is using existing outreach workers to reach out to people living in encampments and/or provide information on people they know who are living in encampments. They will also be using volunteers to go to various meal sites and gather information from people who are experiencing homelessness. The goal is to determine the scope of resources needed by identifying those people living in unsheltered situations and the services they need. If anyone knows of people who are doing outreach, refer them to Sheryl Piercy at The Salvation Army and/or if you know of someone who is living in an unsheltered situation, complete a survey for them.

**Nomination Committee– Jackie Fojtik:** Jackie state the slate of Officers is:

- Sarah VanCleve           Chair
- Dave Frederick           Vice Chair
- Chris Brunell             Secretary
- Trudy Stacy               Member at Large

Voting will be done by ballot, at the September meeting.

**Gimme Shelter Ride – Marta Holt:** This is a motorcycle ride for homeless awareness. It start at Destination Harley and go around Hood Canal, ending at Evergreen Park at the 9-11 Memorial. The proceeds will go to Project Connect. They will also be collecting homeless kits at Destination Harley. If agencies would like to have a table at Evergreen Park to provide information about their programs, contact Marta Holt, Chris Brunell or Sheryl Piercy. There is information posted on the Kitsap CoCC website, [www.kitsapcontinuumofcarecoalition.org](http://www.kitsapcontinuumofcarecoalition.org)

**Coordinator Report – Terry Schroeder:** Has been working with the following:

- Homeless Housing Plan update and assisted at both of the stakeholder groups.
- Ending Veteran Homelessness group, helped to identify some outreach groups.
- Gathering information to improve leverage letters for the CoC funding.

**Outside Homeless Committee – Walt LeCouteur:** Joe Summers and some committee members will be meeting with the County Commissioners in a work study session to talk about plans for Willow’s Place as well as an ordinance to allow tent cities in Kitsap County. Joe Summers and Schon Montague will be leading the discussion, which will happen on September 16 at 8:30 am.

### Agency Updates

**Employment Security – Linda Hollingsworth:** Linda encouraged anyone who is looking for employment to come to the WorkSource Center.

**Kitsap Community Resources – Jackie Fojtik:** Jackie stated KCR has rental assistance, energy assistance, kinship care, and homeless child care available. They host the VHOG (Veterans Housing Options Group) from 1 to 2 pm every Monday. Any veteran wanting information regarding housing can attend and get information from various programs.

**Kitsap Transit – Trudy Stacy:** They are looking at some new transfer centers in Silverdale and East Bremerton. In Silverdale, they are looking at some area near Harrison as a possibility and in East Bremerton are looking at space near Arby’s.

**Housing Resources Board – Penny Lamping:** They are starting on Ferncliff Phase 2. This phase will have 16 townhomes for purchase.

**Substance Abuse Prevention Services – Deanne Montgomery:** Things are fairly slow right now, but she wanted to introduce herself as the new coordinator with Substance Abuse Prevention for Kitsap County.

**DSHS – Bremerton CSO – Sandra Paulino Winborn:** Sandra reported the TANF orientation for new TANF recipients or anyone closed for more than 30 days is at 8:30 am Monday through Friday at the Bremerton CSO.

**Habitat for Humanity – Ginny Duff:** They will have their “Raise the Roof” gala on September 19 at the Kitsap Conference Center.

**The Salvation Army – Sheryl Piercy:** They hope to move in to their new building by mid-September.

**Kitsap County Housing & Homelessness – Kirsten Jewell:** Kirsten reports that she has been busy reading grant requests.

**MDC – Valeri Knight:** They have hired a dedicated Kitsap person, Jessica Kelly. She will be working 20 to 30 hours per week in Bremerton, housed at KCR.

**Kitsap Rescue Mission – Walt LeCouteur:** Walt reported they are almost done with planning the renovation for the Rescue Mission. Their day room is averaging 30 persons per day, with a high of 60. In the first six months of this year, they have had over 100 persons. Not everyone they serve there is homeless.

**Bremerton Housing Authority – Sarah VanCleve:** The remodel of Frances Haddon Morgan cottages for KMHS clients is on; they have received approval from HUD.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Brunell, Secretary