



September 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Julie Graves

Attendance: *Julie Graves-Chair, Sarah VanCleve-Vice Chair, Chris Brunell-Secretary, Dave Fredrick, Renee Zimmerman, Beverley Kinkaid, Helen Banks, Angela Kennedy, Jennifer Landsberger, Theresa Hinds, Jackie Fojtik, Manny Cruz, Walt LeCouteur, Sue Battin, Holly Paterson, Trudy Stacy, Joe Summers, Mata Holt, Doug Lindstedt, Shaylynn Houston, Sabina Wagner, Nancy Martin, Kirsten Jewell, Monica Bernard, Linda Hollingsworth, Jackie Brown, Penny Lamping, Sandra Paulino-Winborn*

Introductions were made around the table.

Agenda Review: VHOG was added to the agenda

Minutes from August minutes were approved as submitted.

Eastside Baby Corner – Renee Zimmerman, Beverly Kincaid, Helen Banks, Angela Kennedy, and Doug Lindstedt: Eastside Baby Corner (EBC) has been taking care of children for over the last 25 years with clothes, diapers and food so that these basic needs do not become a barrier to their quality of life and education. Right now they have a 10,000 ft. warehouse with 169 support staff and volunteers. In Kitsap, St. Vincent DePaul, Hopelink and the YWCA are receiving services. EBC also provide supplies, formula and clothes to food banks, hospitals and schools. They are currently serving around 500 children a week and are on track to give out 900,000 diapers by the end of this year.

EBC is tentatively looking at stepping up services to Kitsap County, bridge to bridge (Hood Canal-Tacoma Narrows) and all areas of Kitsap from the East side to Belfair where they are already established. Currently EBC is looking for a place in Bremerton that they can use as a warehouse and drop off center. Their timeline is to start in January of 2016 and opening in April of 2016. Once a space has been identified they will be able to start. They would like a space around 5000 square feet.

The annual budget is 5.6 million with 4.8 in-kind donations. If you have any questions you can call Bob Maynard at bob.maynard@comcast.com or Beverley Kinkaid at soundgrants@comcast.net

Elections for KCoCC Board Members were held. The slate was approved as presented. Sarah Van Cleve-Chair, Dave Fredrick-Vice Chair, Chris Brunell-Secretary, Trudy Stacy-Member-at-Large.

Tent City- Joe Summers: shared that they went to the County Commissioners and provided them with lots of information and supporting data. Schon Montaque with the Sheriff's Department and Julie Graves were also on hand. Joe said that the work study meeting went way too easy, and that

the next meeting will be in November. Next steps are for Public Comment/Public Hearing for vote. The major issues ahead are where the Tent City will be located, Getting together a group of volunteers to help man the project and last but not least, fund raising. They would like to open in the spring of 2016.

Homeless Housing Plan (HHP) – Kirsten Jewell: Over the course of several months and lots of meetings, the HHP was finally completed and brought before the KCoCC members for distribution. It is thirty pages, much more concise than prior editions. Each mayor throughout Kitsap was met with to discuss the plan. Two stakeholder meetings were held, taking place in Bremerton and Poulsbo. There are five major goals with 2-7 action steps. Beverly gave a motion to support the plan, with Monica giving a 2nd. A vote was taken with the CoCC approving the plan. It went up for vote and unanimously passed. If there is any input now is the time to submit your edits and suggestions to Kirsten before it goes public on September 23rd.

There was some discussion to start putting together a group to decide how to proceed from here. Even with the best laid plans, without funding we can't implement these plans. Two ideas were brought up. There is an initiative (2263) that would enable the county to raise money through a state tax. This would include a mental health provision. If we want to get this on the ballot we need to talk with our legislature to get this moving. Another possibility is to raise property tax, at 1/10th of 1% sales tax which was passed in July.

Ending Veterans Homelessness (Master List Project) – Kirsten Jewell: Mater List Project, to try to identify everyone that is homeless, but to separate out the vets at this time. We would like to learn about what was successful with working with vets and then translate it into services for those who are non-vets. There is a survey that is being given out at the food banks throughout Kitsap. The window will be closed on September 25th. After all the surveys have been completed they will be unduplicated and see who is entered into HMIS/ VA and we continue to keep adding to this list.

Stand Down will be held on September 26th. Vets will need an ID to get in. We will have a better idea once we get the surveys completed as to what kind of numbers we have here in the county. The entire survey doesn't need to be completed. At the minimum we will want get their name and where they generally hang out. We are in the process of renaming the *To end veteran homelessness by 2015*, or the *Mayor's Challenge* with another name. The front runner right now is *Operation: Welcome Home*. If anyone has another name ideas please submit them to Kirsten soon.

Supportive Services Veterans Housing Options Group - Sabina Wagner: Is asking that vets have their medical card in order to see if they are registered through the VA. They can try getting a ride out of Retsil if they need to go to American Lake for services or verification. If they qualify for the Grant per Diem program they could be eligible for up to 2 years of case managed housing. Just because someone is homeless doesn't mean they would get a section 8 voucher. It depends on acuity and need. Convicted "lifetime" sex offenders are not able to qualify for Section 8 if convicted.

Each Monday Sabina is at KCR to work with vets looking for housing. If their names don't show up on her laptop they need to get registered. They can contact CBAC- though mail. It isn't as easy as going to American Lake to get registers. Either way income verification is needed.

BHA- Sarah Van Cleve: For PCAP women who are pregnant, using and are of child rearing age, there will be openings for a Section 8 waiting list in March. Also, Self Sufficiency Family (SSF) – work towards increasing income and home ownership. BHA is always looking for partners and has project base vouchers.

HRB - Penny Lamping: There has been a sharp increase of women (4) going through divorce, losing housing, lack income with children in school looking for housing. Also some seniors over 80 who have been evicted with a 30 day notice.

YWCA – Jackie Brown: Reports that there is a special deal going on where whenever someone buys a mattress, they get one for their shelter. Talk with Jackie for details.

HSC - Jackie Fojtik: Energy assistance is currently open. They are now taking appointments October-December. Georgia's House is opened and is receiving referrals. The waiting list for shelters had gotten up to 40 over the summer. Eviction prevention and rental assistance is also available.

Kitsap County Housing & Homelessness- Kirsten Jewell: - The recommendations will come out 9/24 and can be found on the County Website.

Georgia's House - Jennifer Landsberger: House is open and taking referrals from HSC.

Coffee Oasis- Dave Fredrick: Expanding into Kingston with a \$250,000 purchase from County and \$400,000 for Case Management services. The social services needs are higher in Poulsbo than in other parts of the County, especially for youth. Remodeling starts in March.

Kitsap Rescue Mission - Walt LeCouteur: Sue Battin who serves on the Board of Directors will be taking on the chair position for Project Connect.

Silverdale Goodwill - Shaylynn Houston: There will be Employer events along with volunteer opportunities held on September 29th at the Silverdale location. The event is free. Bring resumes.

The GED program is going well. The coursework and test are free of charge. This is offered at the Silverdale site only.

Benedict House - Chris Brunell: Five men will be moving on into permanent housing within the next week. Three more are scheduled to transition into housing on the first of October. BH Case Managers have been working closely with HSC and other community partners in getting our residents housed. With barriers addressed, residents are more inclined to get and retain permanent housing.

Taking it to the Streets - Doug Lindstedt: Wanted to emphasize that the homeless need to know that they are teachable. Without this there is little hope. He wants to reinforce this message.

West Sound Treatment Center - Marta Holt: WSTC has some new positions that are open. The listings are on their webpage. Gimme Shelter was a success; there were over 30 bikes that participated along with over 50 community members who gathered at Evergreen Park after the event. Mayor Patty Lent spoke to the bikers before the ride. Kirsten Jewell along with Michelle O'Shaugnessy spoke at Evergreen Park after the ride. Sherriff Gary Simpson also showed his support of the event. Destination Harley, one of the event sponsors donated \$1000. 00, and are interested in possibly helping out next year as well. Coke donated 15 cases of drinks and free printing was also donated. Nine year old Haley was also on hand along with her parents, towing a tiny house that she and her father had made.

At 3:58 the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Brunell, Secretary