



January 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:10 PM by Chair Julie Graves

Attendance: *Julie Graves – Chair, Darlene Cook – Vice Chair, Sarah VanCleve – Secretary, Penny Lamping, Manny Cruz, Linda Kerkes, Walt LeCouteur, Linda Hollingsorth, Monica Bernhard, Jessica Reed, Diana Gilman, Theresa Hinds, Brendan Playle, Deanne Montgomery, Robin O’Grady, Susan Chesbrough, Jim Baker, David Wadley, Michael Toro, Ruth Westergaard, Siri Kushner, Lindsey Phillips, Becky Boughton, Terry Schroeder*

Introductions were made around the table.

**Agenda Review:** No changes made.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the December 2013 meeting were **approved with the following corrections:** In talking about the Severe Weather shelter, there was mention of the DEM website, but no address; it is: <http://www.kitsapdem.org/>. The following information was not part of the report from Helpline House but was left off from the previous month’s minutes: hem to make the program permanent and they need this time to do public meetings, etc. She will then go back to the board, asking to make the program permanent. **Walt LeCouteur made the motion and Penny Lamping seconded.**

**Kitsap Community Health Priorities (KCHP) Siri Kushner:** Siri provided information on the Kitsap Community Health Priorities, which is a collaboration between the Kitsap Public Health District, Harrison Medical Center, United Way and other partners whose goal is to identify community health priorities for Kitsap County and work to improve key health outcomes. The priorities are: 1) Ensure access to affordable medical, behavioral health, and dental care for all residents; 2) Make it easy for all residents to be physically active; 3) Promote economic development that provides living wage jobs with benefits; 4) Ensure all children and youth receive the support necessary to be healthy throughout life. KCHP is an ongoing process. In 2014, the group will update and review community data and evaluate progress on the health priorities. More information on KCHP can be found at [www.kitsapchp.com](http://www.kitsapchp.com) There was a question about the increased heroin use in Kitsap County. Siri indicated that was something that would be looked at.

There was also information provided about the Gates Foundation grant. They are looking at the KCHP priorities for their funding. There was a question regarding Project Access Northwest, which has to do with Medicaid enrollment, which is now called Apple Health. In October 2012, there were 1700 Medicaid clients; as of January 2014, there are 16,000, with 40% being new adult Medicaid enrollments. Kitsap County hit 114% of our target in Medicaid expansion.

## AGENCY UPDATES

**Kitsap Recovery Center – Linda Kerkes:** They are full. They have helped their clients sign up for healthcare.

**Bremerton Housing Authority – Sarah VanCleve:** They will have an Open House for their new building on Thursday January 23 from 3 pm to 5 pm. All are invited; a flyer will be in this week's Thursday Journal.

**Employment Security – Linda Hollingsworth:** Two WorkSource Specialists are putting together a diagram for working with ex-offenders

**Fresh Start Transitional Housing – Jessica Reed:** This is transitional housing for up to 9 men on Naval Avenue. Most referrals come from Department of Corrections, Kitsap Community Resources, and Kitsap Mental Health Services.

**Department of Corrections – Theresa Hind:** From December 1 through the end of February, there will be 90 people releasing from prison to Kitsap County. The majority is releasing to family or friends; there are about 15 that she is working with to obtain housing in Kitsap,

**Crime Victims Assistance – Deanne Montgomery:** There has been an increase in the number of crimes against the vulnerable population especially in the realm of financial. Some of these are very extreme, calculated, fraudulent crimes.

**Westsound Treatment Center – Robin O'Grady:** They are full. They have kicked off their Compass Vocational Program and are working with clients at Georgia's House, The Salvation Army, Benedict House and Westsound Treatment Center.

**Housing Solutions Center – Monica Bernhard:** Last week was the busiest week they have ever had. Volumes have stepped, at least partly due to having some rental assistance available. She brought brochures and business cards for anyone who wanted some.

**Kitsap Rescue Mission – Walt LeCouteur:** They also have been very full. Their Day Room is open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday and they are averaging 15 people per day. Real Change is not going as well as hoped, but they are going to continue. They will be working with Real Change to improve the Kitsap participation of vendors.

**Peninsula Community Health Services – Susan Chesbrough:** They are actively enrolling people into the Benefits Exchange for health insurance; they have four full-time folks working in this area.

**Agape – Diana Gilman:** Their Sisyphus Housing has a long wait list. Koinonia Inn, although currently full has a shorter wait list. They have had very little movement in their housing.

**The Salvation Army – Jim Baker:** They are distributing their Puget Sound Energy Assistance funds now; the maximum for a household is \$150 every other year. They have some seasonal workers assisting, but are trying to bring on a half-time person for their social service staff. They have talked with a group in Kingston who are trying to open a severe weather shelter in that area. They received the best news: **They received their Demolition Permit** so they can demolish the old Milt's Donut Shop and then begin building their new building and remodeling the old.

**Compass House – David Wadley & Michael Toro:** They have a large home, located on Central Valley Road. They house 20-25 people. They have housed KMHS clients, DOC clients and will be doing VA clients. There are two persons per room and half of the house is wheelchair accessible. They have cooking classes and regular house meetings. They are doing some in-house training programs on computer repair and they hope to start a mini farm. Mike Toro is the Placement Coordinator (360-620-1366) and David Wadley is the House Manager (360-981-5364). Currently, there are no income criteria. They do have their 501 (c) 3.

**UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS – Julie Graves:** There was discussion about populations that are currently underserved and setting up committees to determine what can/should be done to better serve those populations. We will talk more about this in February.

**PROJECT CONNECT – Julie Graves:** Project Connect is next week. Saturday is the final day for donations, from 10 am to 12 noon. Some of the committee members will be there sorting the donations. Coffee will be available at Project Connect, starting at 8:30 am. On Tuesday, the day before Project Connect, we will be setting up tables and chairs starting at 1:00 pm at the Sheridan Park Community Center. A flyer will be sent out to all CoCC members tomorrow morning.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah VanCleve, Secretary