



August 17, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair Sarah VanCleve

Attendance: *Sarah VanCleve – Chair, Dave Frederick – Vice-Chair, Chris Brunell - Secretary, Trudy Stacy – At Large, Monica Bernhard – Coordinator Supervisor/At Large, Sara Harvey, ClaraAnn Ness, Elaine Miller, Jackie Fojtik, Sue Battin, Joe Summers, Sandra Paulino-Winborn, Mary McKee, Andrea Talmadge, Lynda Reese, Ray Switzer, Ginny Duff, Mary Gleysteen, Manny Cruz, Sean Raybell, Polly Gerrish, Jennifer Hardison, Jane Zahnleiter, Celeste Materne, Sanjay Bhatt, Hilda McIntosh, Doug Washburn, Shaylynn Houston, Linda Hollingswoth, Cheryl Ann Felmlee, Marguerite Thomas, Terry Schroeder*

Introductions were made around the table.

Agenda Review: Sarah VanCleve has an addition after the Minutes.

Minutes: **Mary McKee moved and Jackie Fojtik seconded to approve the minutes from July 2016 as corrected. The motion passed.** The correction was information in the SOAR presentation regarding the local leads and State Lead Co-Chairs.

Appreciation – Monica Bernhard: Monica announced that Terry Schroeder has taken on a position with Housing Solutions Center as Navigator with South Kitsap. Terry will work a few hours (8 or less per week) to help transition the CoCC. Flowers were presented to Terry with accolades for her work over the past 8 years.

Kitsap Transit Fast Ferry Plan – Sanjay Bhatt: Sanjay introduced himself as the Public Information Officer for Kitsap Transit. Kitsap Transit has been working on a Cross-Sound Fast Ferry for several years. The previous fast ferry from Bremerton to Seattle, run by Washington State Ferries had to slow down due to wake issues in Rich Passage. A decade-long study was conducted, and Kitsap Transit received the research report. Washington State Ferries asked Kitsap Transit to research a viable cross sound fast ferry. In 2014, Kitsap Transit developed a business plan (Phase 1) with a 2/10 of 1% sales tax for three routes, with commuter only fast ferry and Southworth not up and running until 2023. In 2015 public outreach was done to determine what the public wanted to see as far as fast ferry service. They wanted to see more than commuter service and South Kitsap wanted service before 10 years. They developed Phase 2 as a result, which included service all day from May-September and commuter service October-April, launch Southworth four years sooner by using the existing WSF dock, and a 3/10 of 1% sales tax. The crossing time for Kingston, Bremerton and Southworth were between 23 and 33 minutes. All were significantly less than what the time to get from the Kitsap side to downtown Seattle. The Phase 2 proposal will be on the November ballot. The regular fare would be \$12/person with discounted fares of \$6.10 for Youth, Seniors, Medicare, Disabled and Low Income. WSF does not have discounted fares for Low Income, but do offer it for the other categories. The times the ferry

would run from May to September would be about 5am to 7 pm Mon-Thurs; 5 am to 11 pm on Friday and 9 am to 11 pm on Saturday. From October through April it would be Mon-Fri from about 6 am to 10 am and about 3 pm to 6 pm.

The plan calls for them to purchase five boats, with total start up at about \$48 million; about 56% of that will come from federal money and 44% from local sales tax. Operational costs will be around \$11 million annually, of which 72% would come from the local sales tax. If approved, it is slotted to start in summer 2017. If approved, it will free up approximately \$1.5 million that is currently being used for the local foot ferry. This money can only be used for ferries, so Kitsap Transit would use this funding for the Port Orchard/Bremerton foot ferry and the money for that, which comes from bus funding could be used to increase bus service in some way. Public comment will be gathered before making plans for how to increase the bus service. The Bremerton run will start in 2017, followed by Kingston in 2018, a second boat for Bremerton in 2019, Southworth in 2020 and back up boats in 2021. Compared to other local transportation projects, this is much less expensive. Sanjay provided a couple examples of tax increases: on a \$10 shirt, it would be \$.03 and on a \$25,000 car, it would be \$75. Running the foot ferry from Port Orchard to Bremerton, Kitsap Transit ranks 14th out of 21 agencies offering ferry service in the United States.

There were questions regarding the projected ridership (no forecast on numbers), concern regarding how the increased accessibility to Seattle might affect our already low vacancy rates since it would likely be more appealing to commute from Kitsap County to Seattle. We continue to need housing for people earning \$14-15/hour and those on low fixed incomes. There was concern regarding the hardship this additional tax puts on the low-income families, many of whom won't use this ferry. It was pointed out this ferry does have a discount for low income whereas the ferries run by WSF does not. In Seattle, docking would be at the King County Ferry dock where the Vashon/Seattle Water Taxi docks. Kitsap Transit will contract with King County for the use and maintenance; this would be part of the annual operations cost. The ferries will be ORCA card ready and will be able to use a bus transfer in some situations.

CoC Bonus Funds Application – Monica Bernhard: As many recall, the CoC funding for renewals and bonus funds has been released. Last year, West Sound Treatment Center put in an application that was not approved for funding. This year, a team that had convened to look at developing a new Housing First project decided to put together an application. Kitsap Mental Health Services decided to take the lead for ten Housing First units that would be integrated with Kitsap Connect. The application has been submitted and they should hear by next week if they have been selected to put in their application to HUD through the Balance of State CoC.

Nominating Committee – Elaine Miller: Elaine announced the slate of officers for the upcoming year. They are:

- Chair Sarah VanCleve
- Vice Chair Dave Frederick
- Secretary Lynette Bird
- Member at Large Trudy Stacy
- Member at Large Monica Bernhard
- Member at Large Sara Harvey or Chris Brunell

There was a question regarding the members at large. There are three positions for members at large; two are currently filled and the incumbents are wanting to continue. One is a new position

and there are two people interested in that position. Voting will take place at the September Kitsap CoCC meeting. Nominations will also be invited from the floor in September.

Hunger & Homelessness Week – Sarah VanCleve: Sarah announced that November 12 through 20 is Hunger and Homelessness Week. The executive committee felt that it would be great to have the Kitsap CoCC do something as a group this week. Sarah asked for volunteers to be on a committee to plan some way to bring awareness about homelessness during this week. A sheet was sent out and several people signed up to assist. Jackie Fojtik will take the lead and contact those who signed up to start planning.

Committee Reports:

Outside Homeless – Joe Summers: Joe reported the committee worked on a draft encampment response protocol. There have been some comments and the procedure as to the response to phone calls from property owners, neighbors, etc. Joe stated that they are going ahead with the clean up around the Clear Creek Trail, but that no one who had been living there is being displaced. Joe continues to work on getting property for a tent camp and is working with the city and county on possible property.

Severe Weather Shelter – Terry Schroeder: The severe weather shelter committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss plans for the coming winter. There was a question regarding cooling centers, especially since the temperatures are supposed to rise. Terry will look into it and see what is available.

Project Connect – Sue Battin: a cleanup of debris. The Sheriff will go out and evict the people living there. Concerns were brought up that not all of the area around the Clear Creek Trail is owned solely by the County. If the property owners are not complaining about people living on their property, we should not be involved. Joe would like to go out on August 10th to interview folks to see if there are services that could be of assistance to them. There was much discussion about making sure that we are treating people respectfully and not just “moving them along” and that we are not harassing people living outdoors. Joe stated they were working with law enforcement and dealing with persons on county property and that his goal was to try to find resources before they are evicted or arrested for trespassing.

Project Connect – Sue Battin: Sue reported they are doing well on the planning, but still need money or donations for outdoor gear items. The “Save the Date” will be sent out soon.

Homes for All Who Served: They completed the survey so they can update the Master List. The Landlord Fair in July was very successful.

Housing First – Sarah VanCleve: They have submitted an application for Bonus Funds through the Balance of State Continuum of Care funding through HUD.

Coordinator Report – Terry Schroeder: In July, Terry worked on Project Connect planning and looked at and passed on information on the Balance of State CoC funding for renewals and bonus funds.

Agency Updates

Goodwill – Shaylynn Houston: Goodwill just started their fall classes. However, they are just in week 2 and there are some that students can still enter. Check out the listings on their website.

Kitsap County – Doug Washburn: Doug stated the temporary Transitory Ordinance is set to expire on August 22. At the Commissioner’s meeting on August 22, they will decide whether or not to extend for another 6 months. They are willing to extend for six months, but would like to see something occur in the next 6 months so they can determine the appropriateness for a permanent ordinance. The Kitsap CoCC needs to determine whether they are in favor of a 6

month extension. **GINNY HUFF** moved and **MARY GLEYSTEN** seconded to have a letter written by the Chair of the Kitsap CoCC in favor of extending the temporary Transitory Ordinance for another 6 months. The motion passed.

Habitat for Humanity, Kitsap – Ginny Duff: Ginny reported they recently closed on two families. They are now taking applications only once per month.

South Kitsap Helpline – Jennifer Hardison: Jennifer announced the Port Orchard branch of the Kitsap Regional Library is doing free lunches starting next Monday, August 22. Meals will be served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and are open to anyone; they do not need to live in South Kitsap area.

Kitsap Community Resources – Monica Bernhard: Monica stated that several KCR board members attended the Gimme Shelter event and spoke very highly of it. Energy Assistance is available through PSE and WIC has some available slots. Head Start is enrolling for the coming school year; Terry will include information in the TJ.

StandUp for Kids – Marguerite Thomas: They have been busy putting together backpacks for students. They attended Bremerton's Back to School Night last night and depleted their supplies.

Kingston Severe Weather Shelter – Mary Gleysteen: On September 29, the Kingston Citizen Advisory Council will host an open house. Agencies can attend and have a table to provide information about their services. Information is on the Kitsap County website, under Citizen Advisory Council.

Max Hale Center – Elaine Miller: Elaine reported they had a long-term resident who moved on, after 8 years at the Max Hale Center. It was a good move for him and they are thrilled. They still have a lengthy wait list.

Coffee Oasis – Dave Frederick: Dave reported they are having the ground breaking for their Kingston site on Monday August 29th. They are beginning a new program, HOPE Bridge to connect with and offer services and resources to inmates, 18-25 years old, who will be exited into homelessness in order to help expedite their ability to obtain housing, employment, education and other needed services or resources up-on release from jail. On October 1, they will open a transitional shelter.

Housing Solutions Center – Jackie Fojtik: Jackie reported the Landlord Fair was amazing! Many landlords who were not interested, but attended the landlord fair have decided to rent to veterans. HSC is making more connections with the school districts and they are aware of the services that HSC has available. Homeless child care is available for families with minor children. Kinship Care is available for relatives who are raising another relative's children and need assistance.

Department of Corrections – Sean Raybell: Sean has noticed that HUD is not funding new transitional housing and moving toward rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. Unfortunately, permanent supportive housing doesn't often work well for the people he serves. He hopes there will continue to be some transitional options still available.

YWCA – Sarah Harvey: They have several applicants for their North Kitsap Legal/Housing position. They hope to interview soon and have someone in place by October 1.

Gimme Shelter – Chris Brunell: Chris reported the Gimme Shelter Ride was well attended. The Human Library was especially popular, with lots of participation and people asking questions of those in the Human Library. The Salvation Army made tacos that were appreciated by all. There was some increased cost for insurance and fees. They don't know yet have the net amount raised.

Benedict House – Chris Brunell: They finally have new metal bunk beds and they are seeing significantly less issues with bed bugs. Chris will be attending the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Homeless Advisory Committee annual retreat in September. There are also some joint meetings with Commerce

PCAP – Clara Ann Ness: Clara Ann passed out brochures regarding their program for those who weren't familiar with it. They currently have some openings for women who are pregnant or recently delivered and used substances while pregnant. They are able to work with the women in the program for 3 years so that they can become better parents.

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs – Ray Switzer: Most of the veterans they work with in Building 9 or their Service Center have been chronically homeless for 20 or more years or have been recently discharged. They have a service center on the Building 9 campus where they can meet with veterans and determine what they may be eligible for.

St. Vincent de Paul – Polly Gerrish: The Friends of Stella Maris Guild is hosting a fashion show and tea on Saturday October 29 from 1 pm to 4 pm. It will be held at Cammeron Hall (downstairs dining hall at Star of the Sea Church) and will use clothing from the Thrift Store.

WorkSource – Linda Hollingsworth: Linda reported they have their Employment Class schedule online at [Workshops & Hiring Events](#).

CARES of Washington - Basic Food Employment & Training (BFET) – Cheryl Ann Felmlee: Cheryl wanted to let everyone know that by attending these meetings she has been able to make some contacts and received a lot of help/guidance from members.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Brunell, Secretary