



September 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM by Vice Chair, Darlene Cook

Attendance: Darlene Cook – Vice-Chair, Sarah VanCleve – Secretary, Chris Brunell – Member at Large, Sheryl Piercy, Kirsten Jewell, Sandra Paulino Winborn, Diana Gilman, Linda Kerkes, Mary McKee, Linda Hollingsworth, Tom Vialpando, Shaylynn Houston, Robin O’Grady, Denise Solada, Theresa Hinds, Tina Posadas, Yvonne Tibbs, Patrick Steele, Christina Magdaleno, Trudy Stacy, Carol Branscum, Monica Bernhard, Raelenea Rodriguez, Laurie Dawson, Betsi Kuker, Terry Schroeder

Introductions were made around the table.

Agenda Review: No changes made.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Nomination Committee – Mary McKee: Mary presented the slate of Officers as nominated by the Nominating Committee. Julie Graves – Chair, Sarah Van Cleve – Vice Chair, Chris Brunell – Secretary, Darlene Cook – Member at Large. Ballots were distributed and collected. After being counted, the results were that the slate of Officers was elected unanimously as presented. Congratulations to the new Executive Committee!

Boundaries – Donna Dover: Donna, KMHS, led a discussion about boundaries. She began by asking what some of the absolute “No’s are in boundaries: Dating, Having a relationship, No gifts of monetary value, No full-on frontal hugs or groping (side hugs ok) – depending on roles, agency – always ask about hugging, No friending on Facebook or other social media, Do not take them to your house, Let supervisor know if you have a relationship with a client that is being assigned to your caseload, No giving information outside of work hours – let them know that you are off work and they can contact you during normal business hours. Those people who do not have a life outside of work, you are more susceptible to boundary issues.

Committee Reports

Outside Homeless – Terry Schroeder: The Outside Homeless Committee met in conjunction with the Severe Weather Shelter committee. The Kitsap County Sheriff is interested in doing a blitz with members of the committee, similar to what was done behind East Bremerton Safeway a couple years ago. The Severe Weather shelter will be operated at Bremerton Foodline again, in basically the same manner as it has been in the past couple of years.

Case Management – Kirsten Jewell: The next meeting is October 2 at Agape from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. We still just have a couple case management surveys returned. If you haven't returned one yet, please send it to Terry as soon as possible. The committee is working on a definition of case management, levels of case management and a possible pilot project. The pilot project would provide information on a multi-organization information sharing basis, looking at how that could happen, what would it look like and what would be the coordination efforts.

Project Connect – Terry Schroeder: Project Connect planning has met a couple of times and are scheduled to meet on Monday October 22 at Bremerton Goodwill at 10 am. They are looking at the possibility of providing some transportation, at least from the greater Bremerton area.

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance – Chris Brunell: The Governor's Office is working on the biennial budget. There is a 13.5% proposed cut to the HEN program statewide. WLIHA is putting together advocacy efforts to oppose this cut. The WLIHA will be releasing a proposed letter that agencies can sign to oppose cuts to the HEN Program. We will get the letter out to agencies and ask those that can to sign on.

Agency Updates

Veteran's Assistance – Tom Vialpando: The next StandDown will be on October 4th. There is a flyer on the Kitsap County website.

Department of Veteran's Affairs – Christina Magdaleno: There will be more money for Kitsap for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing for Veterans.

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA) – Yvonne Tibbs: SPIPA is a consortium of tribes. Their case managers work one on one with their clients. Anyone who is connected with a federally recognized tribe is eligible for services. They are having a Resource Fair on December 10 at the Gateway Center on 6th and Burwell.

Kitsap Recovery Center – Linda Kerkes: Both the Guest House and their inpatient program are full. Inpatient has been consistently full, most likely due to an increase in those eligible for medical assistance.

The Salvation Army – Sheryl Piercy: They are having a Health Fair on October 2nd from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Flyers were passed out.

CCS/ HEN/Benedict House – Chris Brunell: Chris reported the Benedict House is and has been full. They currently have 11 men working and 7 men attending OC out of the 25 residents. Chris attributes that to their case management program. CCS will be consolidating the HEN program with Benedict House effective November 1.

West Sound Treatment Center – Robin O'Grady: They are gearing up for their new jail program, which will start January 1. They will have two FTEs to provide substance use disorder assessment, treatment, life-skill building and re-entry services. They will have an additional FTE to provide continuing care services at West Sound Treatment for those exiting the jail, including treatment, relapse prevention and Compass Vocational Assessment and Skill Building services to a total of 160 offenders.

North Kitsap Fishline – Rae Rodriguez: They are building services on a more realistic case management standard and looking at more collaboration with other agencies. What they have been collaborating on is working well, so they want to increase their efforts.

Georgia’s House – Carol Branscum: Carol is the Administrative Assistant. They are running about four beds vacant. Clients are coming from all sources. They are working on improving their building and their services.

Department of Corrections – Theresa Hinds: Many women are locating to Kitsap and many are sex offenders. There are not many landlords that are willing to rent to female sex offenders. They do have two property owners that have contacted Theresa, interested in working with them on housing for offenders.

Goodwill Industries – Shaylynn Houston: They start another Retail Training Program on October 20. Next Thursday, September 25, before 3 pm is the final day for registration. Shaylynn also passed out September Store Calendars showing the specials by date.

Housing Solutions Center – Monica Bernhard: Monica brought updated brochures and cards and encouraged all to take what they need. These have the new North Kitsap address on them. Their volumes have been steady to heavy. Shelters vary from having some vacancies to none.

Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council – Kirsten Jewell: Grant recommendations for the Coordinated Grant Application will be on the KRCC website on Friday morning at midnight. Written public comment will be accepted through October 21. The public hearing on the recommendations is October 28, when oral public comment may be made. Written public comment allows the board to read and ponder your comments ahead of time. It has been a very challenging year with significantly less money available. If you have any questions, contact staff. Please do make public comment, preferably in writing by October 21.

Agape – Diana Gilman: In their housing programs, they have a large wait list for males and families and a small wait list for females with no children.

WorkSource – Linda Hollingsworth: There is a Job Fair targeted to Veterans that is being held in Jackson Park. It is open to the public, but the jobs are targeted to Veterans.

An announcement was made informing members that on September 30th the Kitsap Public Health District will be holding a meeting regarding the Kitsap Community Health Priorities. All are encouraged to attend and provide input.

Coordinator Report – Terry Schroeder: The next Project Connect meeting is September 22 at Bremerton Goodwill from 10 am to about noon. The Continuum of Care (McKinney) grant was just released from HUD. We should be hearing in the next week or so from Commerce as to the Balance of State application. Terry will let anyone know of anything that will be required from their organization. Terry attended the Outside Homeless Committee and Executive Retreat. A couple case management surveys have been completed; there is still some time for others to work on and complete.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah VanCleve, Secretary