



December 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 2:04 PM by Chair Julie Graves
2. Attendance: *Julie Graves – Chair, Darlene Cook – Vice Chair, Sarah VanCleve – Secretary, Penny Lamping, Manny Cruz, Gina Lindal, Linda Kerkes, Walt LeCouteur, Linda Hollingsorth, Sandra Paulino-Winborn, Jason McMillan, Brianna McNamara, Monica Bernhard, Scott Bloom, Sara Marez-Fields, Ruth Westergaard, Terry Schroeder*
3. Introductions were made around the table.
4. **Agenda Review:** No changes made.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 2013 meeting were approved with the following correction: For the Kitsap Great Give, there will be some matching money but, most likely, there won't be matching money for ALL contributions.

Severe Weather Shelter – Jason McMillan: Jason provided some information on what has been going on with the shelter so far this year. They have been open for 13 nights, serving an average of 16 guests per night. There is a concern that if there continues to be stretches of severe weather that they meet their capacity and there is no overflow plan. Most of the persons housed there have been individuals, but Jason knows of at least one family with minor children that was housed at the severe weather shelter. Similarly, Kitsap Rescue Mission has served 100 unique individuals, with an average of 10 persons per day. Jason has been approached by folks in Belfair regarding getting a severe weather shelter in their area; Jason is working with them. The Severe Weather Shelter uses a minimum of 6 volunteers per night and likes to have up to nine. Jason has a recruitment letter for volunteers, who can sign up at the DEM website, www.dem.org. Once signed up, a volunteer can do an On-the-Job training at the severe weather shelter and follow up with in-person training when the next training session is available.

AGENCY UPDATES

Kitsap Recovery Center – Linda Kerkes: Adatsa will be gone as of January 1, due to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). It is still unknown whether those who would have been ADATSA clients will now be eligible for HEN. They are auto converting the MCS/ABD clients to the appropriate program through ACA.

Bremerton Housing – Sarah Van Cleve: They have moved; their new address is 600 Park Avenue, Bremerton.

Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program – Scott Bloom: They received notification that their program has been funded for 2014.

Helpline House – Brianna McNamara – They now have an Energy Assistance worker at Helpline House, which is very helpful for their clients. 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.

Kitsap County Health District – Ruth Westergaard: The In-Person Assisters are working on getting people signed up for health insurance. Ruth brought an In-Person Assister card and Wallet Medication cards that were distributed. They also do have Spanish-speaking assisters available.

DSHS – Bremerton CSO – Gina Lindal: This will be Gina’s last CoCC meeting. She introduced Sandra Paulino-Winborne, who will be attending the meetings in her place.

Employment Security – Linda Hollingsworth: They hope to have someone from WorkSource attend more regularly. They have a class for military personnel who have recently separated, a transition class. The primary purpose is to prepare military personnel for civilian employment and is available to them within 18 months prior to their separation from the military. They also have a Transition Assistance Program (TAP) class, which is available to any veteran or their spouse who is looking for a job, as long as the veteran had a discharge other than dishonorable.

Housing Kitsap – Julie Graves: Julie announced that the Housing Trust Fund is accepting Stage 1 applications for the next biennium (2015-2017). Any organization that is planning a housing project in the next several years needs to check out the HTF and consider putting in a Stage 1 application. If you don’t have one in now, it may not reopen until until 2015 or so for the next biennium.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah VanCleve, Secretary