



February 17, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:01 PM by Vice Chair Dave Frederick

*Attendance: Dave Frederick – Vice Chair, Chris Brunell – Secretary, Trudy Stacy-Member At Large, Jennifer DiVitto, Penny Lamping, Carol Zberrowski, Doug Washburn, Elaine Miller, Manny Cruz, Bruce McCain, Shaylyn Houston, Jodi Painter, Roscoe Max, Barbara Day Max, Ruth Westergaard, Walt LeCouteur, Angie Zimmerman, Linda Hollingsworth, Ginny Duff, Anita Jackson, Jackie Fojtik, Art Speight, Marta Holt, Beverly Kincaid, Jackie Brown, ClaraAnn Ness, Sheryl Piercy, Kirsten Jewell, Marguerite Thomas, Terry Schroeder*

Introductions were made around the table.

**Agenda Review:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Dave Frederick moved and Jackie Fojtik seconded to approve the minutes from January as presented.

**One-Tenth of One Percent - Doug Washburn** – Doug filled in for Gay Neal to provide information on the One-tenth of one percent sales tax to augment funding of mental health and chemical dependency programs and services and the operation or delivery of therapeutic court programs or services. The RFP process is currently open and will close on March 10 at 3:00 pm. June 15, 2015 marked the first year of programs funded through this tax. There was only one program that provided housing and that was the Jail Transition Program. The County Commissioners would like to see more housing programs apply for funding. Doug encouraged agencies to check out the guidelines and to put in applications and did state the RFP is relatively simple. Both Doug and Gay would be willing to answer questions.

Doug passed out the Annual Report for this program, which listed the 9 programs that were funded in last year's RFP. He pointed out that one of them was training for all law enforcement officers to increase their skills in responding to individuals with mental illness and chemical dependency.

The decisions on which programs are funded are made by a Citizen's Advisory Board who interviews each agency and makes recommendations to the County Commissioners. There is a little over \$4 million available this year.

**Kitsap Homeless Housing Plan – Kirsten Jewell:** Kirsten presented information about the Homeless Housing Plan Goals, Strategies and Action Steps. She started off with information on the Point in Time data from 2007 through 2016 and Housing Solutions Center data from 2013 through 2015. Both show significant increases in total number of people experiencing homelessness and those who are unsheltered. The program went into the homeless housing plan, why we have one and the goals of Kitsap's plan. She went through each of the five goals and the

strategies and action steps under each of the goals. There is an HHP Action Team that is looking at which of these action steps Kitsap should be working on first. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join. The Action Team has developed questions they would like the CoCC members to answer to help them determine the action steps that are most important to work on first.

**Outside Homeless – Walt LeCouteur:** The ordinance that would allow for Tent Cities and other transitory accommodations is going to the County Commissioners for a vote. All are invited to attend to show support. There are a few persons who have been asked to be present and speak, but all are welcome and can speak, if they choose. After the county passes this ordinance, the committee will work on getting similar ordinances passed in the cities.

**Project Connect & Point in Time Count – Terry Schroeder:** Terry reported that she is in the midst of entering data from the PIT count. A preliminary media release was done indicating that our numbers have risen by about 30% over last year. Project Connect committee had a debriefing meeting and felt that most things went well. They hope to be able to apply for more funding earlier in the year for the 2017 Project Connect.

**Homes for All Who Served – Kirsten Jewell:** The issues around veteran's homelessness is the same as for all others; they need housing. Progress is being made; the master list is being operated by the Veteran Housing Options Group, which meets weekly on Mondays at 1:00 pm at KCR, 1201 Park Avenue. It is for all veterans on a walk-in basis. They anticipate being able to get through the list and get them into housing except for those needing Housing first.

**Housing First Task Force – Kirsten Jewell:** They are meeting again next week. They are looking at the following:

- How do we try to get Housing First units in the county –long-term solution.
- How do we figure out how to get more Housing First scattered sites – short-term solution.

**Severe Weather Shelter – Sheryl Piercy:** The Winter Shelter that is being run by The Salvation Army has had 137 unique individuals and 738 bednights since they opened on January 25, 2016. The average number of persons that are staying there per night is 37.

**Coordinator Report – Terry Schroeder:** Terry reported she has primarily been working on getting the information input into HMIS for the PIT Count, so it is as accurate as possible. She has noticed there appears to be more persons who have been homeless for over one year. The Housing Inventory Count is coming up. Terry will set a meeting to go over the details. Project information will need to be checked and updated, the number of people in permanent supportive housing on the night of the PIT will need to be entered and all expenditures for each project for calendar year 2015.

### **Agency Updates**

**West Sound Baby Corner – Bev Kincaid:** They are in lease negotiations for a location. They will roll out slowly to ensure that everything runs smoothly. The program works through social services providers, providing a variety of items for babies and young children.

**West Sound Treatment Center – Marta Holt:** Marta announced that her position has been cut to half time. She will continue coming to CoCC on her own.

**Kitsap Rescue Mission – Walt LeCouteur:** Their day room is at capacity – 50 persons. They are offering case management and several have taken advantage of it. Their Veteran Advocate has been doing well at getting the necessary assistance for veterans. Beginning Monday February 22, they are adding 20 beds to The Salvation Army shelter. They will operate on a reservation-only basis and be open to the end of March.

**Agape – Angie Zimmerman:** They have two openings in Sisyphus; applicants need to be literally homeless.

**Taking it to the Streets Ministry – Art Speight:** They feed in the filed on Thursdays and Sundays and distribute clothing. They work with the jail to provide coats to persons who are being released and need one. One of the things they do at times is to contact family members who live out of the area to see if they can and will accept the person who is experiencing homelessness into their home. If so, they will provide a bus ticket to get the person to their family member.

**Housing Solutions Center– Jackie Fojtik:** They have hired staff in Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap; they are looking for a South Kitsap person. There is currently rental assistance and eviction prevention money available. Energy Assistance will open appointments in March for April, May and June appointments.

**Goodwill – Shaylynn Houston:** They will be starting another Retail Training session soon. Next Tuesday, they will have an employer Event. If someone needs assistance with appropriate interview clothing for the event, they can go to the Goodwill Job Training Center in Silverdale and get some assistance.

**The Salvation Army – Sheryl Piercy:** The remodel of their old building is complete; they are doing a walk-through today. They will have a grand opening scheduled soon. As indicated in the Severe Weather report, their shelter is busy. They have showers open for all right after breakfast.

**Bremerton Housing Authority ~ Carol Zberrowski:** They will open their Section 8 wait list for two weeks starting March 14<sup>th</sup>. They will then draw 300 applications to be put on the list.

**Habitat for Humanity – Ginny Duff:** They are in the process of dedicating two homes in Harris Court. One of the homes is a family with 6 children. They have increased the income standard to 30-to 80% of income; they still have houses to build.

**Work Source of Kitsap – Linda Hollingsworth:** Watch for their new website, opening in the middle of March.

**Kitsap County – Kirsten Jewell:** Everyone is encouraged to apply for the One Tenth of One Percent RFP that is currently open. Please attend the Commissioner’s meeting on February 22 regarding the Transitory Accommodations ordinance.

**Housing Kitsap – Jennifer DiVitto:** Their Section 8 wait list was open and they had 2,458 households put in applications. They will be drawing 150 households to be on the list, which they anticipate being able to house in the next year. They also encourage people to check out the rental housing tab on the Housing Kitsap website. The two and three bedroom unit wait lists typically are going quickly.

**Max Hale Center – Elaine Miller:** They have a long wait list; most likely well over one year.

**North Kitsap Fishline – Bruce McCain:** They have been without an HSC Navigator, but will have one again soon. Poulsbo is losing some affordable housing as some apartment complexes are moving to market rate housing. They are looking at ways to address this decrease in affordable housing.

**Kitsap County Public Health – Ruth Westergaard:** It is not too late to get flu shots; please be sure to let others know.

**Parent-Child Assistance Program – ClaraAnn Ness:** They still have room for women who are pregnant or were recently pregnant and used alcohol/drugs during pregnancy.

**YWCA – Jackie Brown:** They now have three permanent supportive housing units available. They also have two job postings: Housing Manager and Legal Advocate – Bilingual.

**StandUp for Kids – Marguerite Thomas:** They have applied to the City of Bremerton to open a Homeless Youth Shelter for up to 15 school-age youth. According to Renaissance School, an overnight shelter is the biggest need.

**Safe Park – Kirsten Jewell:** Kirsten reported that KCR's Safe Park will be expanding to serve individuals and couples. This will be a case managed program.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Brunell, Secretary