



June 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Co-Chair Chris Brunell.
2. Attendance: *Chris Brunell – Co-Chair, Sarah VanCleve – Co-Chair/Secretary, Darlene Cook – Vice Chair, Monica Bernhard, Kirsten Jewell, Denise Agee, Shannon Prasch, Jackie Brown, Deanne Montgomery, Manny Cruz, Susan Brown, Ruth Westergaard, Penny Lamping, Linda Kerkes, Becky Boughton, Ann E, Garner, Trudy Stacy, Leif Wagner, Julie Graves, Terry Schroeder, Kerry Dobbelaere, Nancy Schnoor*
3. Introductions were made around the table.
4. **Agenda Review:** No changes made.

Minutes: Darlene Cook moved and Chris Brunell seconded to approve the minutes from May 2013.

Affordable Care Act: Nancy Schnoor, Peninsula Community Health Services and Kerry Dobbelaere, Kitsap Public Health District, presented information on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and how things will work in Kitsap. Nancy provided an overview of the ACA. There are 2 primary goals; increase the number of insured individuals and decrease the overall cost of healthcare. In Washington State, Medicaid will be available to anyone whose income is below 138% of the federal poverty level. Small businesses are not required to purchase insurance, but there are tax rebates if they do so, up to 50% in 2014. Large businesses must provide affordable and meaningful insurance. Affordable is defined as below 9.5% of the household income and meaningful is the insurance pays 60% of benefits. Most people are required to have insurance or they will be fined, with several exceptions. The fine starts at \$95 in 2014 and will increase; the maximum fine will be 1% of your income. There are subsidies available for individuals who earn up to \$45,000 per year. If a person/family has insurance for 9 months or more, there will not be a fine.

The Health Benefit Exchange is the online marketplace to compare and enroll in qualified health insurance plans. They have set the standards for a qualified health plan. In Washington, this will be known as the Health Plan Finder. Open enrollment will start on October 1, 2013, with health care being effective January 1, 2014. Tax credits are available to individuals/families with household income between 139-400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Cost sharing reductions are available to persons whose income is below 250% of the FPL. There are 10 essential benefits that must be included in a health plan: ambulatory services, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management, pediatric services, including oral and vision care. There are four levels of cost sharing, depending on the level of benefits.

In Kitsap, there are approximately 27,000 uninsured persons that are expected to be eligible for subsidized health insurance. About 9,000 of those people will be eligible for Medicaid. In 2012, PCHS served over 10,000 uninsured persons.

The Kitsap Public Health District applied and was awarded to handle the “In-Person Assister” Program. There are five network organizations that will be working with them on the In-Person Assister program. The responsibilities of the In-Person Assister Program are: 1) outreach and educational activities about the Exchange and the full range of health insurance coverage options, 2) facilitate a consumer’s select of a qualified health plan (QHP). Each of the network organizations will have In-Person Assisters to assist people in getting enrolled into a qualified health plan. Outreach activities include: participating with community partners in providing educational and enrollment activities, host or attend events that present enrollment opportunities, Identify community sites for enrollment opportunities.

Peninsula Community Health Services has formed a taskforce, will hire and train four staff to fulfill eligibility, outreach and enrollment, review internal processes for opportunities to identify eligible patients. Any person coming into their clinic, who is not insured, will meet with the eligibility outreach specialist

Coordinated Grant Application – Kirsten Jewell: Kirsten reminded everyone the application is now available online. If you have any questions, as you are completing your application, contact Kirsten or any of the CDBG staff. The application is due July 10, 2013 at noon. HMIS, version 5 rolled out in Kitsap and seems to be working fine, after a couple minor glitches were corrected. If anyone sees anything that does not appear to be working, let Kirsten know.

Project Connect – Chris Brunell: A small group met this morning to discuss the future of Project Connect. Neither Phedra, Overall Project Connect Chair nor Kathy Cooper, Vendor Coordinator is able to do those tasks this coming year. If the Continuum of Care Coalition wants to continue to do Project Connect, we need people to take these positions, as well as other key roles. Another option is to see if there is anyone in the Interfaith community that is interested in taking on the lead role. There were people who agreed to assist with the planning of Project Connect: Denise Agee, Patti Peterson, Trudy Stacy, Julie Graves, Manny Cruz, and Chris Brunell.

Nomination Committee: It is time to put together a nomination committee for election of officers in September. Denise Agee, Ruth Westergaard and Patti Peterson agreed to serve on the committee. Manny Cruz stated that Rochelle Doan said she would be interested in helping with this task. Since the committee must have an odd number of members, per bylaws, it was decided to use Rochelle as an alternate.

Coordinator Report– Terry Schroeder: Terry reported she has completed the combined grant application to request funding for the coordination of the Continuum of Care Coalition activities. She has also attended several meetings: Outside Homeless subcommittee, United Way Vision Council, Balance of State Webinar. Sarah VanCleve updated and made some improvements on the website.

Real Change – Patti Peterson: Patti reported she has reviewed more with Real Change and will attempt to bring them into Kitsap. It provides an opportunity for low-income and homeless persons to make some money selling this paper. The vendors who sell the paper pay \$.40/paper and charge \$2.00/paper for a profit of \$1.40. Tomorrow there will be a Real Change vendor over here selling papers to see how sales go.

AGENCY UPDATES

Kitsap Transit – Trudy Stacy: They have secured a vehicle to put their mobile customer service terminal. People will be able to purchase and load ORCA cards. They will come to locations where there are at least 10 people at the site. The mobile customer service terminal will only be available during normal business hours. Trudy recently attended a meeting regarding bringing the Safe Place program to Kitsap County. Safe Place is a program that quickly connects youth in crisis to assistance, through a network of local businesses designated as “Safe Places”.

Housing Solutions Center – Monica Bernhard: They continue to be busy and the wait list is still short with only one man on it today. They are out of rental assistance, however. The HSC was approved for a set aside for this year, with a couple of caveats. Monica is working with a committee to look at potential grants.

Goodwill – Ann E. Garner: Ann announced they have classes starting on August 5 for their Retail and Customer Service Training Program. This was their first year with GED clients and they graduated 11 students. Goodwill pays for the GED test for their clients.

Benedict House/HEN – Chris Brunell: They are full, except for the family room; with space for a father and one or two children. HEN is continuing on and waiting for budget information to see how that will affect their program.

Kitsap Legal Services – Becky Boughton: They are offering a Continuing Legal Education class, Disability 101. The only cost is to purchase the book that Ann Cook uses in the presentation. Becky also announced that Lindquist Dental is opening a clinic in East Bremerton for low-income children.

Kitsap Recovery Center – Linda Kerkes: They have had a lot of turnover in the Guest Program, but are keeping full.

Kitsap Public Health District – Ruth Westergaard: On August 14, they will host a community clinic for Hepatitis A/B, TDAP. Information will be sent to Terry for inclusion in the Thursday Journal.

Bremerton Food Line – Patti Peterson: Patti said she is just waiting to hear more from Real Chance and hopes to move forward soon. Her board has agreed that Bremerton Foodline space can be used for the Severe Weather Shelter again this year, if needed.

Bremerton Housing Authority – Sarah VanCleve: They will be closing their Public Housing wait list on July 31. She will send a flyer for Terry to put in the Thursday Journal. She asks that the BHA flyer be used for posting so that there is no confusion with the clients.

Kitsap Community Resources – Darlene Cook: KCR has \$.5 million to help with energy assistance. The benefit amount varies, depending on household income. Encourage folks to apply. This is PSE assistance.

Housing Kitsap – Julie Graves: Three projects currently with rental subsidy, Virginiaville, Robinswood, and Winton Wood are dropping rental subsidies. Housing Kitsap’s wait list is still open, but their two-bedroom list is very full. They are in the initial planning stages on a new affordable housing project on land behind Fred Meyer. If all goes well, they hope to have it ready in 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah VanCleve, Secretary