



February 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM by Chair Julie Graves

Attendance: Julie Graves – Chair, Darlene Cook – Vice Chair, Chris Brunnel – Member at Large, Penny Lamping, Manny Cruz, Linda Kerkes, Walt LeCouteur, Linda Hollingsorth, Monica Bernhard, Jessica Reed, Sara Marez-Fields, Theresa Hinds, Susan Chesbrough, Sheryl Piercy, David Wadley, Michael Toro, Lindsey Phillips, Becky Boughton, Leann Weaver, Denise Agee, Beverly Kincaid, Jenell DeMatteo, Anne Taylor, Jackie Brown, Vanessa Holkey, Ginny Duff, Eileen Brown, Diane Kellman, Kim Darcey, Kirsten Jewell, Shaylynn Houston, Missy Rogers, Olee Thrower, Trudy Stacy, Clara Ann Ness, Terry Schroeder

Introductions were made around the table.

Agenda Review: No changes made.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 2014 meeting were **approved as written. Darlene Cook moved to approve and Walt LeCouteur seconded.**

Kitsap Community Foundation – Kol Medina: Kol presented information on The Great Give. This is a fundraising event with an online day of giving, May 6, 2014. Any 501 c 3 located or providing services in Kitsap County can apply to participate. Nonprofits must register their organization by March 15, 2014. Anyone can go to the site and donate to as many of the organizations listed. To sign up to be one of the organizations listed, go to [Kitsap Great Give | Kitsap Community Foundation](#) and click on the link, “Register your Organization”. The goal is to earn \$1/2 million for nonprofits in Kitsap County. The Kitsap Foundation set a goal and received \$125,000 for this event; \$25,000 to pay for the costs of the event and \$100,000 is to be distributed proportionately to the participating organizations. Each non-profit will receive a toolkit and can attend a series of four trainings, with the next training being held on February 28, 2014, “Social Media”.

There was also information provided about the Gates Foundation grant. Their funding came from the Building Community Philanthropy Initiative to work on alleviating generational poverty. They will receive \$85,000 per year for four years. There are no preconceptions as to what should be done. Gates Foundation leaves it up to Kitsap Community Foundation to determine how to use the funding. The KCF has also received funding from the Suquamish Tribe and United Way so that they will have over \$1million dollars for this. They will solicit ideas on how to use this money at Life on the Edge, 2.0 and Kitsap Community Health Priorities.

Life on the Edge, 2.0 is a follow up to the initial Life on the Edge held in May 2012. This will bring the community back together to engage with people who work with poverty. One goal will be to come up with some suggestions as to how to use the Gates Foundation funding. There is a

\$30 fee to attend, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. In the morning Linda Streissguth will speak on Homelessness and poverty. There will be a resource fair throughout the day and information will be gathered as to how to use the Gates Foundation grant on alleviating intergenerational poverty.

Metropolitan Development Council (MDC) – Jenell DeMatteo: MDC approached Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) to partner with them in a grant, “Supportive Services for Veteran Families”. KCR would provide case management and the Veteran’s Administration would provide one-on-one navigation services. This program has been successful in Pierce County and they would like to get it started in Kitsap. They have requested that the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition send a letter of support for their grant. Walt LeCouteur moved and Denise Agee seconded to approve a support letter for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families grant.

Coordinated Grant Application – Kirsten Jewell: There is a meeting next Monday, February 24th where there will be discussion about setting priorities for the Homeless Housing and Affordable Housing Grant programs as well as a stakeholders’ meeting regarding the Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) for 2015. People are encouraged to attend this meeting to provide their input on the priorities as well as the CHG. On May 27, the KRCC Board will meet and approve the Notice of Funds Available. The following day, May 28, will be the mandatory Technical Assistance meeting for all grant applicants.

Legislative Update – Kirsten Jewell: Both the House and Senate have passed bills that would remove the sunset from the document recording fees, so that the fee would not be reduced over the next few years. The House bill, ESHB 2368 removes the sunset permanently and keeps the fees as they currently are. The Senate bill, SSB 6313, did not pass the Senate Ways & Means Committee so it is now dead and the House Bill, ESHB 2368 is the vehicle that WLIHA is working toward getting passed. Information will be sent out to CoCC members providing information as to contacting their legislators.

AGENCY UPDATES

North Kitsap Fishline – Misty Rogers: They are getting ready to move into their new building. Misty is looking for matrix plans for school as she is looking for an outcome matrix design. Her email is rogers40@students.wvu.edu. Please email her YOUR matrix plans.

Employment Security – Linda Hollingsworth: Anyone seeking employment can attend any of the WorkSource workshops or programs. Coming up is a Career Fair for Civil Servant Mariners, with the Military Sealift Command. They have 4 months on and 1 month off. There is also the opportunity to earn extra money by not taking the 1 month off. Applicants must apply to an open job within the Civil Servant Mariners. Their recruiter will be at WorkSource on February 27 from 11 am to 2 pm.

Fresh Start Transitional Housing – Jessica Reed: They deal primarily with those exiting prison and they do have some openings. They are building a “Graffiti Fence”. Olee Thrower, another staff person, said that their house is a family environment. They do things with the people living there. They will help them access the bus, DSHS office and the Community Correctional Office. They also will go to the store and purchase food, until they can get their food benefit from DSHS. The rooms are shared.

Department of Corrections – Theresa Hinds: From January 1 through the end of March, there will be 86 people releasing from prison to Kitsap County. When someone is released on their Earned Release Date (ERD), they are released to the county where they obtained their first felony conviction. Of those 86, 8 are past their ERD and 18 are still working on plans. Of those coming to Kitsap, about 25% go to a transitional housing unit, typically Compass House or Naval House. Most go to family or friends. They are required to be on community supervision through Department of Corrections.

Sound Grants – Bev Kincaid: The Kitsap Community Foundation is in the middle of their grant review process; there were 81 applicants for funding. After the grants are awarded, the Foundation will post those that were not funded so that individuals and/or businesses can donate to them separately. Kitsap Community Foundation will have its Celebration of Philanthropy on May 16, honoring three persons/companies: one is a special philanthropic company, one is an individual and there is one other award. Any organization that is funded receives one ticket to the event.

Kitsap Community Resources – Jenell DeMatteo: There continues to be energy assistance available and Housing Solutions Center currently has some rental assistance money available.

Kitsap Rescue Mission – Walt LeCouteur: They continue to be full, although they have also had several that cycle through because they choose to not follow the rules.

Peninsula Community Health Services – Susan Chesbrough: Susan brought new PCHS brochures. She asked that anyone who has old brochures to please throw them out and use these new ones. She will send an electronic copy.

Agape – Sara Marez-Fields: There are four beds available in their women's housing units. Sara stated that they are not able to dial 211 from their offices. They have contacted Comcast, who says it is not a Comcast issue.

St. Vincent de Paul – Denise Agee: They currently have six empty beds. They have had several women recently who have chosen to not participate in the rules and have had to leave. St. Vincent's also has some FEMA funds available.

Georgia's House – Leann Weaver: They have two family rooms available for a total of eight beds and two individuals. They have also had some recent issues with people not wanting to abide by the rules.

Kitsap Mental Health – Manny Cruz: Manny reported on the Homeless Advocacy Day that he attended at the end of January. There were lots of people there and one of the big pushes was removing the sunset from the document recording fees. The legislators he spoke with were in favor of the bills.

Housing Kitsap – Julie Graves: Tony Caldwell, Executive Director, will be leaving at the end of the month. He will be greatly missed. He has gotten a position in California, where he maintained a home so will be back with his wife and working much closer to home.

Julie also announced that recently Kelly Staples had over \$1000 in supplies for Taking it to the Streets, stolen from her vehicle. Terry will attach a list of what was taken and Kelly's contact information; if anyone is able to assist her with any of the items, it would be greatly appreciated. There was also some discussion about areas that are falling through the cracks since Sally Santana passed away. Terry will include some information on some of those.

Kitsap Legal Services – Becky Boughton: They are offering 2-3 clinics/week. They have another attorney to assist persons applying for social security disability/SSI benefits.

YWCA – Jackie Brown: They have one single bed available. Jackie reported they have had some of the same issues regarding women not wanting to follow rules. Women of Achievement awards are coming up; they are still accepting nominations until March 5th.

Habitat for Humanity – Ginny Duff: Applications for housing are still available. They have a 4-bedroom home in Bay Vista and a 2 bedroom in New Hope. Their project in South Kitsap, on Harris will be all solar. They have special funding for two homes on Willow in Bremerton so families can be 51-60% of area median income.

Goodwill – Shaylynn Houston: They are ending one session and will be starting the next on March 17. This is for their stipend program, Retail Customer Service program. She will send information to Terry for inclusion in the Thursday Journal.

Compass House – Michael Toro: Their home is located on Central Valley Road. It is a micro farm with a 3,000 square foot house. They are in their second month of operation and will be expanding by 10 beds. They have some temporary and permanent placements. They work with Theresa at Department of Corrections and Kitsap Mental Health Services. They have computer labs, a gym, pool table, shared rooms, clean and sober environment. They are about 1 mile from the bus stop and will shuttle people to the bus stop. The rent is \$500 per month.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah VanCleve, Secretary