



December 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair, Julie Graves

Attendance: Julie Graves – Chair, Sarah VanCleve – Vice Chair, Kirsten Jewell, Sara Marez-Fields, Linda Kerkes, Theresa Hinds, Carol Branscum, Monica Bernhard, Penny Lamping, Clara Ann Ness, Manny Cruz, Mary McKee, Linda Hollingsworth, Bernadette Luke, Marta Holt, Jenell DeMatteo, Sandra Paulino-Winborn, Deborah Horn, Angie Zimmerman, Ginny Duff, Doug Washburn, Kurt Wiest, Terry Schroeder

Introductions were made around the table.

Agenda Review: No changes were made to the agenda.

Minutes: Manny Cruz made a motion to approve and the motion was seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed and minutes were approved as presented.

Justserve.org – Kurt Wiest – Kurt wanted to share with us a new website that is a place to match non-profit organizations with people who are interested in volunteering. There are not currently any organizations in Kitsap and they are not yet ready to add Kitsap, but it is up and running for the Tacoma area. JustServe matches faith, nonprofit, community and governmental organizations that need volunteers with volunteers willing to help. JustServe.org links you to service opportunities in your community so you can make a difference wherever you are and however you want to serve. It is provided as a service by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Check out their website; it is hoped that by February, 2015 they will be able to start accepting Kitsap County organizations that wish to place opportunities on the website. Kurt encouraged all to check out the website.

Agency Updates

Kitsap Recovery Center – Linda Kerkes: Their Guest Program serving homeless men and women has closed due to lack of funding. They do still provide alcohol recovery and detox services.

WorkSource Kitsap – Linda Hollingsworth: WorkSource will be open throughout the holidays so send job seekers for assistance.

American Baptist Housing of Washington (ABHOW) – Julie Graves: ABHOW has five projects in Washington, all serving seniors. Their newest is in Bay Vista – The Pearl. It is an 80-unit project with 64 project based units, which serves seniors who have income below 50% median income. They will have their open house on January 27 from 11 am to 2 pm. Julie will get information out to all through the Thursday Journal.

Habitat for Humanity – Ginny Duff: They are still accepting applications and are encouraging people to apply. Income must be below 50% of the AMI to qualify and is open to individuals and

families. They still have houses to build in South Kitsap that they need people for and there is a deadline for the building to be completed. The mortgage, including taxes and insurance will be no more than 30% of your income. The mortgage will never increase, but taxes and insurance can. The application meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, with the next ones being January 14 at 10 am and January 28 at 6 pm.

CCS/ HEN/Benedict House – Chris Brunell: Chris reported they have had some changes in the program and will be hiring an additional person to work with HEN. They need to get a permit to serve HEN clients in the Benedict House, so are serving them at Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Department of Corrections – Theresa Hinds: Theresa reported her next housing meeting with the landlords she works with in the Earned Release Date Housing Voucher program will be in January. She welcomed anyone who was interested to attend. Once she has a date set, she will put it out.

Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council – Kirsten Jewell: For those who want reimbursements before the end of the calendar year, requests must be to Kirsten no later than Thursday December 18th. By Friday January 17, 2015, all requests for reimbursements for the 2014 grant cycle must be submitted.

Kitsap Community Resources – Monica Bernhard: Energy appointments for assistance through LIHEAP and Cascade Natural Gas are being taken for January, February and March now. Housing Solutions Center has the 2015 free bus tickets. Jackie will be contacting those who have had them previously. If you would like to receive some of the tickers, contact Jackie at the Housing Solutions Center, 473-2035.

Outside Homeless – Monica Bernhard: At the last CoCC meeting, the Outside Homeless committee talked about starting a tent camp in the county and received support of the concept of a tent city from CoCC members. There are several organizations involved in working on this issue: Kitsap Interfaith Network, The Salvation Army, Taking it to the Streets Ministry, Kitsap Public Health District to mention a few. Some of the key issues the committee is looking at are:

- Budget items
- Determine an agency that would be willing to be the leader/owner of the project. It is felt that it is best led by a faith-based organization.
- Meeting with Kitsap Interfaith Network in January

There was discussion about the tent city that opened at SPU in the center of their campus recently. It was suggested that a small group go to visit that tent city to talk about their experiences, what they have learned and how to get the word out to the homeless. There was also a suggestion that we need to have an exit strategy; how/when will the tent city be shut down once it has been started.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm; people were encouraged to have treats and stay for a while talking with one another.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Brunell, Secretary