



July 16 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:07 PM by Vice Chair, Darlene Cook

Attendance: Julie Graves – Chair, Darlene Cook – Vice-Chair, Sarah VanCleve – Secretary, Sheryl Piercy, Kirsten Jewell, Clara Ann Ness, Sandra Winborn, Manny Cruz, Diana Gilman, Linda Kerkes, Marian Sanders, Ginny Duff, Kelly Staples, Deanne Montgomery, Heather Garner, Mary McKee, Linda Hollingsworth, Walt LeCouteur, Penny Lamping, Tom Vialpando, Shaylynn Houston, Robin O’Grady, Jackie Brown, Denise Solada, Priscilla Call, Theresa Hinds, Terry Schroeder

Introductions were made around the table.

Agenda Review: No changes made.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Nomination Committee – Darlene Cook: A Nominating Committee needs to be facilitated by the CoCC Chair at the July meeting. Since Julie was late for the meeting, Darlene facilitated the selection of a Nominating Committee. Jackie Brown, YWCA, Heather Garner H.A.D Ministries, and Mary McKee, CCS/HEN volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee. Terry Schroeder went over the basic responsibilities. She will send information to them as to what are the responsibilities and timelines.

Committee Reports

Outside Homeless – Terry Schroeder: The Outside Homeless Committee met twice to try to deal with an issue of homeless persons in the Walmart, Fred Meyer, Teletech areas. It appears to primarily be the same people who have been in those areas over the last several years. There does not be much that we can offer them, so it may be that the Sheriff’s evacuation notices will need to be put out. Kelly from Taking it to the Streets Ministry will make contact with the people and see if any are interested in having contacts with some of the housing providers. Terry will try to connect with Gary Simpson, at the Sheriff’s Office to see if any deputies have had contact with homeless people living in that area.

Severe Weather – Terry Schroeder: There continues to be a Severe Weather Committee as there is still a need for a shelter during severe weather in the winter months. There has not been a meeting since last winter, but it may be time to get one going.

Case Management Work Group – Kirsten Jewell: This group is looking at way to improve the coordination of case management. They have come up with a broad definition of case management. They are going to be distributing a survey that will allow each program within an agency to provide information about what case management looks like, share information about

case management within their agency/program. They are also looking at a pilot project to coordinate case management across agencies. It happens between some agencies at a small level. The hope is that coordinating case management and working together will help to avoid duplication. They are also looking at assigning a different name to different levels of case management. The next meeting has not been scheduled yet, but will be in the TJ when it is.

Project Connect – Terry Schroeder: The first Project Connect planning meeting is scheduled for Monday July 21 at 1:00 pm. Terry will send out a list and brief description of the committees. Kelly agreed to take care of the Outdoor Gear again this year. Publicity/Marketing is chaired by Chris Brunell and Mary McKee with Diana Gilman agreeing to handle Facebook, as long as she gets information. Julie Graves is the Overall Coordinator and will handle the food. Connie Merrill is the Volunteer Coordinator and Amy Olsen is the Donations Coordinator. Terry Schroeder handles the Survey coordination. We still need a Vendor Coordinator(s).

Agency Updates

Kitsap Rescue Mission – Walt LeCouteur: They are targeting spring of 2016 to open their new building. They will increase their men's program to serve 20 men and open a women's program and an overnight shelter.

Hope for Addictions/Dependencies (H.A.D.) Ministries – Heather Garner: HAD Ministries has four support groups in Bremerton, Port Orchard and Silverdale. They are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and qualify as an AA meeting. House of Hope is in the jails on Thursdays.

Habitat for Humanity – Ginny Duff: They have three information meetings, Habitat 101, coming up in the next month to learn all about Habitat from volunteering, home ownership and how the store works. The sessions are offered in Silverdale, Port Orchard and Bremerton. Flyer will be in the Thursday Journal. They are in desperate need of 6 families for 3, 4, and 5 bedroom homes. They are building 32 homes in Port Orchard that are solar homes; they need to have them completed within a certain time frame so are starting on them even though they do not have families identified for all. The application form has all the requirements listed.

Kitsap Recovery Center – Linda Kerkes: Linda oversees the Guest House, which has space for 4 males and 2 females and is currently full. Their inpatient is full with females and they have a few male beds available. They are seeing a lot of mental health clients and a lot of people outside Kitsap County who are coming to their inpatient treatment. They work with their inpatient clients to plan for placement in housing when they finish their inpatient program. They have expanded their drug court program and are assisting people with health care as they can.

Max Hale Center – Denise Solada: Max Hale Center provides permanent supportive housing. They are currently 100% occupied, but they often see movement during the summer.

Housing Kitsap – Julie Graves: They finally have their full staff. They hired Jennifer Davito as the Housing Manager and Holly Haas for HUD/USDA Housing. Both have lots of experience. They may offer an Income and Rent Calculation training for those who receive CDBG. The cost would likely be under \$45/participant. More information to come. Julie is glad to be a part of Project Connect and would like to encourage more to participate in the planning.

The Salvation Army – Sheryl Piercy: They are doing a survey on hygiene center use. The survey is on the Thursday Journal, through July. Please complete and return to Salvation Army. Sheryl had the updated Resource Guide, information about a Mental Health Awareness BBQ. They plan to start the remodel and new building on August 8th.

CCS/ HEN/Benedict House – Mary McKee: Mary reported the HEN Program is running well and Benedict House is full except for the Family Room.

West Sound Treatment Center – Robin O’Grady: Their outpatient treatment is full. They received funding through the 1/10 of 1% sales tax. They will be working with persons transitioning from the jail and offering assessment, treatment and other re-entry services. The program will begin in January 2015. They will be contacting various community agencies as they are interested in partnering with the community.

Miss Mary Community Development – Marian Sanders: Marian has three programs Merry Hearts for Healing, Jail Ministry, and Foot Care. Merry Hearts provides cleaning for persons who are disabled or have cancer. Marian does jail ministry and holds a STEP program at 9th and Park on Mondays. Foot care is available at a reasonable charge for anyone and is offered free on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Salvation Army for those who are elderly or disabled; appointments are required.

Crime Victim Assistance Center – Deanne Montgomery: Deanne reports she is seeing escalating crimes with the types of crimes up and the severity is up. There is an increase in the amount of predatory and deviant crimes that are being reported.

Parent Child Assistance Program – Clara Ann Ness: They are still taking referrals for their program for women who are pregnant or recently delivered and used drugs/alcohol during pregnancy.

Department of Corrections – Theresa Hinds: There are a lot more people releasing into housing right out of prison, but are having difficulties in finding housing once their three months of assistance from DOC is done. Most of the housing that DOC uses is full so until September, October, November time frame it may be more difficult for persons to find some housing. The previous manager of Compass House has decided to open a new location in Bremerton with four apartments. It will be available to persons with a lower income who are not able to rent due to a felony record.

Bremerton Housing Authority – Sarah VanCleve: Pearl at Oyster Bay, a new senior housing complex, **not owned or operated by Bremerton Housing**, will be opening in September. It is owned by American Baptist Housing of Washington and will have 82 one-bedroom units; they still have 32 vacancies. Only 8 of the 82 units will not be subsidized. Income limits are reasonable.

Goodwill Industries – Shaylynn Houston: The orientation for their Retail Training Program is this Friday, July 18. If someone is interested and absolutely cannot make this time, they can call Shaylynn. Sometimes they are able to accommodate. They also offer other classes such as ABE, computer, cashiering, which are also offered in Bremerton.

KCR – Darlene Cook: The Veterans Assistance program takes referrals from the VFW and American Legion, after they have done the screening, to provide assistance for eligible veterans. Energy assistance is available through the Energy Assistance program. Homeless child care and referrals to all KCR housing programs is available through HSC. They do currently have some rapid re-housing money available. Head Start will be taking referrals for the Head Start, Early Head Start and ECEAP programs next month.

Kitsap Mental Health Services – Manny Cruz: They are keeping busy with lots of work.

Veterans – Tom Vialpando: A Veterans Stand Down will be held on October 4. More information will be coming.

Housing Resources Board – Penny Lamping: They are 100% occupied in their rental units. They have 47 units that they operate and 48 that are managed by others.

YWCA Alive – Jackie Brown: Linda Joyce, YWCA Director, recently retired. Harriette Bryant, long-time board member has taken over as interim Executive Director. The Alive Shelter has a single bed and a family room available. They have a 30 hour training coming up the first couple of weeks of August. They are starting a partnership with the Compass program and will offer that program weekly at the Alive shelter for their residents.

DSHS – Bremerton CSO – Sandra Winborn: All who apply for TANF must attend an orientation session before they can be approved, if they have not received TANF in the last 30 days. The Orientation is offered every day at 9:30 am and they go over the rules and regulations for TANF. Applicants can attend an orientation prior to being interviewed.

WorkSource – Linda Hollingsworth: Linda provided pamphlets on all of the services that WorkSource provides to anyone who is job searching. All of their services are free.

Coordinator Report – Terry Schroeder: Terry reported that she booked the facility and the Mobile CSO for Project Connect. She provided the Lions Club the date so they could start pulling together the volunteers they need for the event. She attended the Balance of State Meeting for McKinney/CoC and will be attending another meeting next week where information about the CoC NOFA will be available. She has worked on a membership survey, which will be sent out next week. All members are encouraged to complete it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah VanCleve, Secretary