

Yakima Valley Homeless Planning & Policy Council Meeting
Wednesday April 11, 2017

Present: *Lowel Krueger (Yakima Housing Authority) Sara Watkins (City of Yakima), Annette Rodriguez & Rhonda Hauff (Yakima Neighborhood Health Services); Janice Gonzales (NCAC); Josh Jackson (Rod's House); Verlynn Best (Yakima Chamber of Commerce) Patrick Baldoz (SCWDC) David Helseth (Justice Housing – Yakima); Duane Monick (UWCW); Stacy Kellogg (People for People 211); Bryan Ketcham (Catholic Charities) Beth Dannhardt (Triumph Treatment) Joan Souders (City of Grandview) Teresa Carlson (Department of Corrections) Tom Gaulke (Entrust) Lisa Homer (Co-Chair Homelessness Gina McCabe) Bob Cook (Transform Yakima); Lee Murdock (Self) Doug & Bronwyn Mayo (Self)*

Staff: *Larry Mattson, Chris Wickenhagen, Crystal Testerman, Jessica Hansen and William Denton*

Call to Order and Introductions Chairman, Lowell Krueger, called the Wednesday April 11, 2017, Yakima Valley Homeless Planning & Policy Council Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. at the Yakima County Conference Room (223 N 1st St Yakima, WA 98901)

Approval of Minutes Ms. Hauff (YNHS) moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting. Ms. Gonzales (NCAC) seconded. The motion passed with discussed amendments.

Public Comment Policy *It is the policy of the YVCOG Homeless Planning and Policy Council to accept public comment on agenda items at the time the item is being discussed. Public comments regarding items not on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting.*

Old Business

Parking Chairman Krueger reminded attendees that additional parking is available across the street in the Yakima County parking lot. Please do not park at the women's century club lot as you will be towed.

Continuum of Care Ms. Murdock provided a 'summary of concerns' handout on the Continuum of Care. The primary concerns of the Homeless Network of Yakima County Executive Committee are centered in 3 main areas; Confusion over Roles, Capacity of Staff, and Perceptions vs Facts.

Ms. Best moved to form a small committee that will work with YVCOG staff, legal counsel and HUD to expedite the answer of who the COC will be. Mr. Baldoz seconded the motion. Motion carried. One abstention – Ms. Souders.

RFP Subcommittee Update Ms. Testerman stated that there is information in the packet of available funding for the next RFP. Ms. Testerman is asking that the HPPC appoint an RFP scoring committee. It was agreed that a scoring committee would be made up of 7 members and all participants in the RFP scoring committee wouldn't participate in applying for the RFP.

Budget Update Ms. Wickenhagen reported on the budget update and provided supporting documentation to the HPPC of the funding breakdown. Ms. Wickenhagen gave a detailed report of funds that enter Yakima County.

New Business

Homeless Program Ms. Testerman updated the HPPC about upcoming trainings and important dates. Ms. Testerman stated that the CoC Registration application is open and that she would like the approval to move forward with the application. Mr. Ketcham moved to have the HPPC

*Manager's
Correspondence*

Chair and Co-chair sign the CoC application allowing YVCOG to submit the application for CoC. Ms. Best seconded the motion. Motion carried. One abstention – Mr. Monick.

*Coordinated
Entry
Subcommittee
Update*

Mr. Denton reported that a Coordinated Entry pilot program started 2 weeks ago and issues are still being resolved. The next Coordinated Entry meeting will be held on Friday April 14, 2017 at 9:30am at the YVCOG office.

*Yakima
Homeless
Network*

Ms. Rodriguez reported that the next Homeless Network meeting will be held April 27th from 10am-12pm.

*Lower Valley
Homeless
Coalition*

Ms. Souders reported that the Lower Valley Homeless Coalition hasn't been meeting regularly but they intend to apply for an upcoming RFP.

Other Business

Ms. Best reported that many of her members at the Greater Chamber of Commerce have been sent bulk emails asking them to donate money to the Homeless Network of Yakima County. The Homeless Network of Yakima County stated that they haven't sent out any information asking for contributions.

Camp Hope, the new homeless encampment, has been working well. There has been a high attendance and positive feedback about the encampment.

**Public
Comment**

None.

Announcements

None

Adjourn

adjourned the meeting at 11:31 p.m.

Respectfully
submitted,


Lowel Krueger, Chairman

Date signed: 5/15/2017

Attest:


Jessica Hansen, Office and Communication Specialist