Yakima Valley Homeless Planning & Policy Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments – Law Library

Present: Avery Zoglman, Larry Mattson, and Jessica Hansen (YVCOG), Lowell Krueger (Yakima Housing Authority); Joe Willis (Rod's House), Madelyn Carlson (People for People); Patrick Baldoz (SCWDC); Teresa Carlson (WA DOC), Rhonda Hauff, (YNHS), Sonia Sanabria (Triumph Treatment Services); Joan Davenport (City of Yakima), Kelly Penfold (Alpha Team) Ryan Enright (Landmark Properties) Al Brown (Greenway); Holly Anderson (Catholic Charities) *by telephone*:

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Agenda Item	Action Taken	Follow-up
Call to Order – Chairman Lowell Krueger called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.		
Welcome and Introductions Al Brown from the Yakima Greenway attended the meeting to stay informed since the Greenway is dramatically affected as lots of the Homeless live on the Greenway.		
Approval of Minutes – Mr. Ryan Enright (Landmark Properties) moved Theresa Carlson (WA DOC) seconded.	Motion Carried.	

New Business: • **HPPC approval of YVCOG as Collaborative Applicant (formerly Yakima County/Homeless Network) –** Mr. Mattson reported that this is internal housecleaning as we submit our application under the HUD Continuum of Care. Mr. Mattson has been working with Maggie at HUD to make sure documentation from Yakima County is in line with YVCOG, being the collaborative outlook, one of the last things that YVCOG needs approval on is a motion from the HPPC board approving COG as the collaborate. This moves the entity that fills that role with the HUD Systems directly to YVCOG which will also move planning and support grants right to YVCOG. Ms. Hauff asked who was going to be writing the grant? Mr. Mattson comment that his understanding was a lot of the verbiage carried over from the year before. Ms. Hauff expressed a concern that Yakima County scored the lowest out of all CoCs last year. Mr. Zoglman stated that he is aware of this and that Shawn Conrad, also with YVCOG, has been recruited to further work on this document. Ms. Hauff moved and Mr. Baldoz seconded • **Coordinated Entry update:** Mr. Zoglman gave an update that a pilot will be rolled out soon. Mr. Zoglman said that if Commerce approves the way he has it set up that it will be moving to the leads at all the services providers to see if data can start being put in. Mr. Zoglman reported that due to the expense of the project that the full service won't be rolled out all at once but in sections. Mr. Zoglman hopes to provide a preview for this board within the next couple of months. • **HUD CoC Application:** Mr. Zoglman reported, as Ms. Hauff has previously stated, we scored very low on the CoC application. Mr. Zoglman reported that one of the places that YVCOG lost a lot of points on was prioritization of specific types of beds that are CoC funded. A notice was published specific to CoC funded permanent supportive housing beds that are not set aside or only used for Homeless folks who are chronically homeless. Mr. Zoglman believes that while it may not have an impact on our current services it should reflect highly on the application. Moved to regards to the prioritization scheme. YVCOG will be asking service providers to prioritize chronically homeless in those units	Motion Carried. Motion Carried.	The board asked to have supporting documentation presented to the board prior to the meetings.

that aren't set aside for chronically homeless. Ms. Davenport moves that YVCOG adopts the Continuum of Care prioritization since it just helps codify what's going on. Mr. Baldoz seconds. • **YVCOG Executive Committee direction re: Emergencies** – Mr. Mattson reported that the YVCOG would like to strengthen the communication between the HPPC board and the Executive Committee. Mr. Krueger has been attending the executive committee as much as he can whenever he can which does help with communication. Mr. Mattson made sure to tell the HPPC that if they ever have any questions about the Executive Committee that he is available at any time. A specific message from the Executive Committee has been directed to the HPPC and that is that the YVCOG Executive Committee does not want to look at anymore emergency funding requests until the 5-year plan is done. • **Emergency Winter Shelters –** Mr. Mattson reported that the dialog for the Emergency Winter Shelters needs to start again. Mid November is typically when the Emergency Shelters start opening up again. This upcoming year will be the 10th year that the Emergency winter weather shelters will be operating. These were a temporary solution that have become more permanent and that was never the intention. However, since there isn't any other plan in place, YVCOG will be putting out another RFP again for service providers to bid on this program. YVCOG will also include in the RFP, this year, a day time warming station. Ms. Davenport explained that the Emergency Winter Weather Shelters are currently held at churches that do not meet building codes required. Ms. Hauff reported that last year YNHS saw 238 unduplicated people during the season with 60 people in one night sheltered. Ms. Davenport stated that the RFP needs to go out as soon as possible because the service provider has to apply for the Emergency Shelter thru City Council by the second meeting in October. Mr. Mattson also stated, for the record, that YVCOG will look into further information about continuing the current Service Providers contract or whether it has to be bid out again. • **Vision for Homeless Program/Recruiting the Next Program Lead** – Mr. Mattson reported that Tim Sullivan resigned last week after working with the homeless program for 10 years. YVCOG is in the process of revising the job description but we will hire someone as soon as possible. • **100-Day Challenge from Dept. of Commerce** • **Meeting location –** there has been discussion about the YVCOG Conference Room and if it's appropriate to hold the HPPC meetings here due to size. Suggestions were Chamber of Commerce, OIC Conference room, WA DOC new conference room, and ESD. It was decided to re-evaluate this again as the original choice was the OIC Conference room. However, the Chamber of Commerce is better suited and centrally located. It was decided that future HPPC meetings would be held.		
Old Business: • **Master lease update** • **Five-Year Plan: The next 90 days** • **Meeting location –** there has been discussion about the YVCOG Conference Room and if it's appropriate to hold the HPPC meetings here due to size. Suggestions were Chamber of Commerce, OIC Conference room, WA DOC new conference room, and ESD.		
Announcements: • Mr. Willis reported the Rod's house recently hired two new individuals.		
Adjourn at 12:30 p.m.		