

Yakima Valley Homeless Planning & Policy Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

HPPC Voting Members Present: *Lowel Krueger (Yakima Housing Authority); Annette Rodriguez & Rhonda Hauff (Yakima Neighborhood Health Services); Joan Davenport, (City of Yakima); Josh Jackson (Rod's House); Teresa Carlson (WA DOC); David Helseth (Justice Housing – Yakima); Duane Monick (UWCW); Stacey Kellogg (People for People 211); Bryan Ketcham & Callie Webster (Catholic Charities); Larry Mattson (YVCOG); Joan Souders (City of Grandview)*

Call in: *Andrea Reyes (Yakima County),*

Others Present: *Audra Wilson (BMAC-SSVF); Don Day (City of Sunnyside); Lorenzo Garza (Sunnyside School District); Tom Gaulke (Entrust); Molly Rosbach (Yakima Herald Republic); David Hacker (Noah's Ark); Leah Ward (Yakima Neighborhood Health Services)*

Staff: *Crystal Testerman, William Denton, Lance Larsen, and Jessica Hansen*

Call to Order and Introductions Chairman Krueger, called the Tuesday October 10, 2017, Yakima Valley Homeless Planning & Policy Council Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Yakima Neighborhood Health Services Sunnyside location (617 Scoon Rd Sunnyside, WA 98944)

Approval of Minutes Ms. Davenport moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ms. Carlson abstained.

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

New Business

Homeless Program Manager's Correspondence Ms. Testerman updated the HPPC that YVCOG will be running an ad in the Yakima Herald advertising need for donations for any agency in Yakima County. She encourages all service providers that would like to participate to contact her.

Emergency Winter Weather Shelters RFP project award Ms. Davenport updated the membership on the Emergency Winter Weather Shelter RFP project award and how the committee decided on their funding recommendations.

Funding Awards:

- Overnight shelter: Transform Yakima - \$100,000
- Day warming shelter: Transform Yakima - \$35,000
- Hotel/Motel vouchers: Yakima Neighborhood Health Services: \$45,000
- Hotel/Motel vouchers: Northwest Community Action Center: \$20,000

Ms. Carlson moved to approve the recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Emergency Winter Weather Shelter RFP project award, as presented by the RFP project award committee. Ms. Souders seconded the motion. Ms. Hauff abstained

Transitional Housing \$200k set aside RFP Ms. Testerman updated the HPPC about the transitional housing \$200,000 set aside RFP. She announced that the RFP was published in both the Yakima Herald, the Daily Sun News, and email blast to all service providers, and the YVCOG website.

Ms. Davenport moved to approve a scoring committee, for the transitional housing \$200,000 set aside RFP, made up of Ms. Carlson (WA DOC), Mr. Gaulke (Entrust), Ms. Souders (City of Sunnyside), Mr. Day (City of Sunnyside), and Mr. Jackson (Rod's House.) Ms. Kellogg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Budget Update

Mr. Larsen updated the HPPC on the homeless budget.

*Yakima County
COC – Schedule
next meeting*

Mr. Krueger updated the HPPC on the COC and that there is a need for an additional meeting before the end of the year. It was determined that a meeting would be held prior to the HPPC meeting on November 14, 2017 at 9:30am prior to the regularly scheduled HPPC meeting.

*Homeless
Network and
Lower Valley
Coalition Update*

Ms. Souders (City of Grandview), Mr. Lorenzo (Sunnyside School District), Mr. Day (City of Sunnyside) all gave updates on the lower homeless status.

Ms. Rodriguez (Yakima Neighbor Health Service) reported that the Homeless Network will be sponsoring the community conversation about low income housing October 20th from 10am until 12pm. The meeting will be held at ESD 105 Yakima Room. The homeless network will also be participating in a day to help clean up at the Greenway after a recent clearing of homeless encampments.

Youth Coalition

Ms. Jackson updated the HPPC that the homeless youth coalition has been meeting to help determine a solution to help youth get off the street during the winter weather months.

Program Update

Ms. Hauff reported on the Community Services Resources Center (formerly known as Rod’s house) is continually being cleaned out while waiting for building codes.

Mr. Ferguson updated the HPPC on the Transform Yakima tiny homes and announced that the first location has been established in Terrace Heights.

Ms. Webster reported on Catholic Charities young adult housing project that they will be opening a coordinated entry location to help transition youth.

Mr. Gaulk reported on the community investment project and Project HOPE. He also stated that Entrust has sold a location in Yakima and purchased 2 additional buildings towards the downtown Yakima area.

Other Business

Ms. Carlson updated the HPPC that the Goodwill in Yakima closed.

Ms. Mattson asked the HPPC for help stopping rumors about Transform Yakima being a scam. Mr. Ferguson added that it is hindering his fundraising efforts.

October 21 at the fairgrounds is that annual veterans stand down where Veterans can receive haircuts, massages, flu shots, and other services.

**Public Comment
Announcements**

None.

Adjourn

Mr. Krueger adjourned the meeting at 11:45a.m.

Respectfully
submitted,


Lowell Krueger, Chairman

Date signed: 11/14/2017

Attest:


Jessica Hansen, Office and Communications Specialist