

Yakima Valley Homeless Planning & Policy Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 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); David Helseth (Justice Housing – Yakima); Neiri Carrasco (UWCW); Stacey Kellogg (People for People 211); Bryan Ketcham (Catholic Charities); Joan Souders (City of Grandview); Janice Gunzales (NCAC)*

Call in: *Beth Dannhardt (Homeless Network)*

Others Present: *Tom Gaulke (Entrust); Lee Murdock (RiverRock); Raquel Crowley (US Senate); Emma Mi(Community); Keri Larson (Yakima County) Manuel Villafan (Catholic Charities)*

Staff: *William Denton, Lance Larsen, Chris Wickenhagen*

**Call to Order
and
Introductions**

Chairman Krueger, called the Tuesday November 14, 2017, Yakima Valley Homeless Planning & Policy Council Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m

**Approval of
Minutes**

Ms. Davenport moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting. Ms. Stacy Kellogg seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**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

*Legislative
Update*

Mr. Krueger Updated the Board on recent elections and bills (HR1) that are being considered and the capital budget.

*Homeless
Program
Correspondence*

Mr. Denton informed the board that Union Gospel Mission and DSHS is now sitting in on Coordinated Entry meetings but both agencies wish to start attending HPPC meetings.

*Transitional
Housing \$200K
RF*

Ms. Wickenhagen informed the board that there was only one application submitted for the RFP and the scoring committee has the applications and is going to score the application individually and then meet as a committee. The committee will present their recommendation at the December HPPC meeting.

*Emergency Winter
Shelter*

Mr. Denton briefly updated the board due to Andy Ferguson not being in attendance. Mr. Denton stated that the shelter would open on November 15th as planned. Mr. Denton gave all information he had on the type of clients that the shelter would take and would email the board members an update with additional information concerning type of clients the shelter would take to include if they will allow clients in the shelter that were banned from Camp Hope.

Budget Update

Mr. Larsen updated the HPPC on the homeless budget.

*Displaced Savoy
Residents*

Ms. Wickenhagen stated that she was asked about what funding does YVCOG have to help these residents and what should the response be in this situation. The YVCOG emergency policy was discussed and per that policy a declaration from the City Mayors office would need to be declared and matching funds be available to tap into the \$100,000 fund at YVCOG.

Motion by Rhonda Hauff: To have the Chair approach the Executive Board and ask to be allowed to define in policy what is an emergency and like to take out of the policy who gets to declare what is an emergency and not to have the city provide matching funds.

2nd by Joan Davenport

Amendment to Motion made by David Helseth: For chair to work with the Executive committee to receive the emergency policy and let the HPPC to rework the policy and redefine what an emergency would be.

Amendment passed

Motion vote: Passed 2 opposed

*Freedom From
Religion Letter &
Alliance
Defending
Freedom Letter*

Ms. Wickenhagen presented the letters from both agencies to the board.

*Homeless
Network and
Lower Valley
Coalition Update*

Beth Dannhardt reported that the homeless network has been working on opening a youth (18-24) only shelter for the winter with private funds only and Lee Murdock is the coordinator for this project.

Other Business

Ms. Wickenhagen brought up the ACR consulting firms bid to conduct the 2018 Point in time county for the county.

**Public Comment
Announcements**

None.

Adjourn

Mr. Krueger adjourned the meeting at 11:46a.m.


Respectfully
submitted,



Lowel Krueger, Chairman

Date signed: 12/12/2017

Attest:



William Denton, Homeless Program Coordinator