

Yakima Valley Homeless Planning & Policy Council Meeting Minutes
Union Gospel Mission Banquet Room
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
"Making Homelessness Brief and Rare"

HPPC Voting Members Present:

Lowel Krueger, Yakima Housing Authority
Joan Davenport, City of Yakima
Teresa Carlson, WA State Corrections
Bryan Ketcham, Catholic Charities Housing Services
Josh Jackson, Rod's House
David Helseth, Justice Housing Yakima

Annette Rodriguez, YNHS
Stacy Kellogg, PFP
Duane Monick, UWCW
Kelly Penfold, Entrust
Joan Souders, Grandview City Council

Call in:

Andrea Reyes, Yakima Co. Public Services; Joni Canada, Homebase; Beth Dannhardt, Triumph Treatment; Deb Sterling; Janice Gonzales, NCAC;

Others Present:

Holly Timmerman, NJP
Chelsey Bell, YUGM
Tom Gaulke, Entrust
Geoff Baker, Generating Hope
Lee Murdock, Homeless Network
Andy Ferguson, TYT

Julie Growe, TYT
Jayson Harmon, SSVF
David Hacker, Noah's Ark
Sara Watkins, City of Yakima
Debra Whitefoot, YNHA
Jeanee Howe, Yakama Nation

Staff:

Lance Larsen, Larry Mattson, Jodi Smith, Crystal Testerman

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Krueger, called the Tuesday January 9, 2018, Yakima Valley Homeless Planning & Policy Council Meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Penfold moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 meeting. Mr. Helseth 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

January Workshop

Ms. Crystal Testerman presented information on a planned workshop that would consist of two half-day sessions. The morning session would work on updating the 5-year plan and prioritize goals for the 2018 Request For Proposals (RFP). The afternoon session will be a debrief of the 2017 RFP. Debrief includes, "What worked? What can we do better?"

After discussion and input, the consensus was the workshop will take place on January 30th at a location to be determined. Anyone can participate, up to approximately 40 attendees.

Emergency Shelter Letter of Request from City of Yakima

Ms. Joan Davenport presented a letter of Request for Consideration of Funding Yakima Temporary Shelter: 2018. In summary, the City of Yakima requests consideration for funding the extreme winter weather shelter at 1702 Englewood past March 15, 2018. An additional \$160,000.00 would provide the time and some of the funds necessary to house the homeless in the 2nd quarter of 2018.

Action: Motion- Asking to re-authorize 2017-2018 contract for Transform Yakima Together/Camp Hope to add \$160,000 for operations through November 30, 2018 made by Ms.

Joan Davenport and seconded by Ms. Kelly Penfold. Motion fails with a vote of 3-Yea, 10-Nay, with one abstention.

Discussion followed, including questions on process of awarding funds, whether it should be a new competitive RFP, if procedure allows re-authorization without a new RFP. Question: what happens to the homeless if the shelter must close after March 15th?

Motion #2 for a new RFP for transitional funding for an Emergency Winter Shelter after 3/15/18 made by Ms. Stacy Kellogg and seconded by Ms. Joan Souders. Yea – 6 votes. Nay – 7 votes, with 2 abstentions. Motion fails.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Announcements

Mr. Larry Mattson announced that Mr. Lowel Krueger was given the YVCOG 2017 award for Outstanding Service. Bryan Ketchum announced that CCHS opened a Prosser shelter. Kelly Penfold announced Entrust services in Sunnyside. Debra Whitefoot announced the Yakama Nation winter shelter is now open, the RV park is operating at capacity. Lowel Krueger announced that YHA is opening a lottery for Section 8 housing for the first time in 8 years.

Adjourn

Mr. Krueger adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lowel Krueger, Chairman

Date signed: 2/13/2018

Attest: _____

Jodi Smith, YVCOG Office Specialist