

Yakima County Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes

Call to order

Chairperson Lowell Krueger called the Tuesday, January 9, 2018, County Continuum of Care meeting to order at 11:19 a.m.

Attendees

Lowel Krueger
Josh Jackson
Jeanae Olney
Joan Souder
Dave Hacker
Geoff Baker
Joan Davenport
Andy Ferguson
Tom Gaulke

Janice Gonzales
Lee Murdock
Chelsey Bell
Joe Ingram
Jayson Harmon
Lance Larsen
Sara Watkins
Teresa Carlson
David Helseth

Kelly Penfold Holly Timmerman Duane Monick Debra Whitefoot Jeanece Howe Bryan Ketcham Annette Rodriguez

Stacy Kellogg

Call In

Andrea Reyes, Deb Sterling, Janice Gonzales, Beth Dannhardt, Aaron Rodriguez, Joni Canada, George Martin, Nick Mondau, Alissa Weber, John Epler, Ian Kinder-Pyle

Approval of Minutes

Tom Gaulke moved to approve the December 12, 2017 Yakima County Continuum of Care meeting minutes. Joan Davenport seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Collaborative Applicant Options Informational:

Lowel Krueger provided an overview of the information he and co-Chair Rhonda Hauff gathered to assist the CoC in identifying an alternative Collaborative Applicant following YVCOG' notice that it no longer wanted to serve in that role. Based on a conversation with the Vancouver/Clark County CoC, they estimate the role requires staffing of 1.5 FTEs, which could cost as much as \$100,000. He noted the CoC receives around \$19,000 in HUD CoC Program funds to support that position. Krueger reported that he and Hauff also explored the option of merging with the Balance of State (BoS) CoC. YVCOG staff confirmed no local entity had actively expressed interest in serving as the Collaborative Applicant at that point.

Joe Ingram (Chair of Steering Committee for Balance of State) and Nick Mondau (Washington State Department of Commerce) presented information on the Washington BoS CoC, including an overview of its structure and information on how HUD CoC Program-funded projects are scored and ranked. Discussion followed, including questions regarding how a merger would impact local HUD-funded projects and the potential for growing funding for the community. Potential advantages to joining the BoS, including expertise in putting together an impactful grant proposal that has resulted in higher funding levels, were discussed. The YVCOG Executive Committee is requesting more efficiency with Homeless Network, Homeless Policy and Planning Council and the Yakima County Continuum of Care. The BOS may be able to provide that along with additional capacity and oversight.

The CoC plans to make a decision regarding a replacement Collaborative Applicant at the February 2018 meeting.

2018 PIT Count Update

Aaron Rodriguez will send update via email.

Governance

Discussion deferred to February 2018 meeting.

Next Meeting
Date

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Yakima County Office of Emergency Management following HPPC meeting. There was discussion about an earlier start time of 9:00 a.m. for the HPPC meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Chairs

Date of approval

Meeting Transcribed by: