



# Yakima County Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes

## Call to order

Chairperson Lowell Krueger called the Tuesday, February 13, 2018, County Continuum of Care meeting to order at 11:19 a.m. Mr. Krueger reminded everyone that each individual has a vote.

## Attendees

Lowell Krueger  
Callie Webster  
David Wells  
Sara Watkins  
Andy Ferguson  
Larry Mattson  
David Helseth  
Kevin Glover  
Nick Mondau

Rhonda Hauff  
Jeanne Olney  
Tom Gaulke  
Duane Monick  
Katie Newman  
Jayson Harmon  
Joe Ingram  
Annette Rodriguez  
Lee Murdock

Joan Davenport  
Kyle Martin  
Josh Jackson  
Stacy Kellogg  
Jodi Smith  
Raquel Crowley  
Teresa Carlson  
Stacy Kellogg

## Call In

Joni Canada, Alissa Weber, Barry Hanson, Ian Kinder-Pyle.

## Approval of Minutes

Janice Gonzales moved to approve the January 9, 2018 Yakima County Continuum of Care meeting minutes. Tom Gaulke seconded the motion. The motion carried with 1 abstention.

## Balance of State Decision

Lowell Krueger presented information on joining the Washington Balance of State. Motion to request to join the Washington Balance of State made by Janice Gonzales and seconded by Rhonda Hauff.

### Discussion:

Janice: I support us joining the WA balance of state;

Rhonda: I have been in discussion with CoCs, Commerce and other organization. There is a Pros and Cons Sheet. Costs of Collaborative Applicant time and service providers as well as duplication of efforts. There is some risk, but we gain a lot, gaining strength in infrastructure. Improving data quality. There are now only 2 organizations left for HUD McKinney projects. We have lost 5 community organizations that have given up. If we do go with Balance of State we can look at this again in 5 years.

Lee: Identify another Collaborative Applicant. Is this a possibility? Someone local?

Lowell: no agency has stepped forward.

Tom: I speak in favor of the motion. Let's work on building our strength as a community and look at it again in the future.

Joan: I share the same concerns of joining Balance of State. There may be some risks that we don't know about. But if providers are ready to take the plunge, we support you. But we need the opportunity to revisit this if it does not work, and the opportunity to create a more robust local effort.

Duane: we are abdicating our local control because no local entity is willing to fill that role.

Rhonda: we have lost a lot of expertise when Yakima County Human Services let this go.

Joe: you will still have your local control and local CoC. You will have 2 voting members. Looked at projects from last year, you would have scored very high, and potential for re-allocation. Commerce is not our boss, we are equal partners. We are a team.

Nick Mondau: Score sheets. Only 1 was scored low due to lack of income data. If this is submitted, it will probably score well. You can reallocate your money, we don't tell you time is up for this project.

Lee: what would happen if YVCOG leaves CoC?

Lowell: that is a Governance issue.

Favor: YEA,16. Opposed, none. Abstain, 3. Motion carries.

**Continuum of Care Awards**

Rhonda Hauff, informational.

**Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP)**

Josh Jackson, informational. HUD released a demonstration project in which they will award 11 communities in the fall of 2018. Rod's House is interested in going forward but are unsure about how joining Balance of State may affect this.

Joe: Balance of State is actively applying.

Raquel: Highly encourages the applicants to keep Senator Murray's office informed as this is a designated project of the Senator. Very specifically, they have looked at the data from the Yakima Valley which is highly underserved. It would be very advantageous for the community to move forward on this project.

Josh: we have sent a request to HUD to see how joining the WA Balance of State may affect our application.

Raquel asks to get this request forwarded to her.

Lee: how does application process work for 507 WA and officially transfer to BoS in May? Timing? Short turnaround for a large amount of funding. What is our best course of action?

Joni: Will contact HUD for an answer regarding YHDP. Flexibility for Yakima to apply on its own? There still needs to be a Collaborative Applicant. HUD will fund only 1 jurisdiction, either BoS or Yakima County. BoS can apply on behalf of Yakima County as an applicant.

Nick: don't know if Yakima can be included until May.

Joni: can ask HUD that Yakima be specifically included in the BoS application.

Larry: CA duties completed as of funding for YNHS and Next Step Housing. If there is a need to submit this application, YVCOG can do this. We would need a letter of request from the Youth Coalition so that they can continue Collaborative Applicant duties.

Josh Jackson and Lowel Krueger stated that we are interested in doing the BoS application, not as Yakima County.

Joni stated that it would be helpful to get Minutes showing Balance of States decision to give to HUD.

**Governance**

Lowel Krueger, discussion. Sara Watkins proposes moving this topic to the next HPPC meeting? Or set up a subcommittee? Governance of local Homeless Planning, neither CoC or HPPC. Start March meeting early? Subcommittee can meet prior to next meeting. We can start looking at other models.

**Next Meeting Date & Location**

March 13, 2018, at Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m..

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**Chairs**

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**Date of approval**

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**Meeting Transcribed by:**