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**YVCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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Dial: 253 215 8782  
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5:50 p.m. – Virtual meeting room opens

6:00 p.m. – Call to Order

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

*James Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair*

**PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY** – *It is the policy of the YVCOG General Membership 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.*

**II. WELCOMING REMARKS** – City of Sunnyside. *Martin Casey, City Manager.*

**III. BUSINESS** – *James Restucci, YVCOG Executive Committee Chair*

- [Minutes from September 16, 2020 Meeting](#) – *Motion to approve*
- [Proposed Amendment to the YVCOG 2020 Balanced Budget](#) – *Review, discuss and approve by [Resolution 2020-2](#)*
- [2021 Proposed Budget](#) – *Review, discuss and approve by [Resolution 2020-3](#)*

**IV. PROGRAM**

- Update on Yakima County Homelessness
  - Esther Magasis – Yakima County Human Services Director
  - Mike Johnson – Union Gospel Mission Executive Director
  - Mike Kay – Camp Hope Director
  - Daniela Aguilar – YWCA Community Outreach Coordinator/Prevention Advocate
  - Brian Ahern – Rod's House Program Director

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**V. UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

- December 9, 2020. YVCOG hosts.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. ADJOURN**

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# Speakers

## **Esther Magasis – Yakima County Human Services Director**

Esther started her career in Yakima right here with YVCOG as a Regional Program Manager in 2018. Before coming to Yakima, she worked as a social worker running an interdisciplinary food bank program at a multi-service agency in Seattle, and served as the Chair for the Seattle Food Committee and a Steering Committee member for the Seattle Human Services Coalition. She took over management of the Homeless Program at YVCOG in early 2019, and in a whiplash-inducing series of events was transitioned by the BOCC to the County in mid-2019. There, she helped rebuild the Yakima County Human Services Department, and was appointed as Director by the end of the year. At the Human Service Department, Esther's work still focuses largely on the Homeless Program, as well as the Veterans Program, leadership for the Broadband Action Team (another partnership opportunity with YVCOG), trafficking, and mental health issues.

## **Mike Johnson – Union Gospel Mission Executive Director**

Mike came to Washington in 1988 as a US Army Ranger at Ft. Lewis. While serving, he met and married Dena, who also showed him what a personal relationship with Jesus looks like. They now have 29 wedding anniversaries and 7 adopted children.

Mike graduated at the top of his class at Abilene Christian University (BA '95) and Pepperdine University (MS '97). After a decade in pastoral ministry, Mike joined Seattle's Union Gospel Mission in 2007 as the director of downtown Seattle operations. In 2014, he became the Executive Director of the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

For over a decade, he has influenced his field to adopt trauma-informed practices grounded in research from the Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes for Mental Health. In this, Mike owes much to the influence of his wife, Dena, who has been in business as a licensed mental health professional for 14 years.

Mike spearheaded 'Climbing Out of Homelessness' starting in 2011. Nine successful ascents of Mt Rainier have led to the summit - 41 men and women men overcoming addiction and homelessness.

The program is the subject of an independent documentary film, A New High, which can be viewed on Amazon Prime video.

## **Mike Kay – Camp Hope Director**

## **Daniela Aguilar – YWCA Community Outreach Coordinator/Prevention Advocate**

Daniela has served as part of the YWCA team for the last seven years (7) providing direct crisis intervention for individuals experiencing domestic violence trauma and abuse, during this time Daniela has served as one of the family & children's advocate, community educator, outreach coordinator & youth prevention advocate.

As of 2016 Dani transitioned her work focus to implementing youth prevention programs and community education efforts that seek to bring about change in individuals, relationships, communities, and society through addressing the root causes of violence, shifting culture of

conversations, helping young people build positive relationship skills, and ultimately promoting healthy relationships among all people in our communities.

**Brian Ahern – Rod’s House Program Director**

Brian has been with Rod's House for over two years, and was originally hired as a Case Manager. He is a westsider-turned-central Washington resident, who is tasked with the oversight of Rod's House staff, programs, and special projects by day, and co-managing the life of a 1-year-old toddler and 3-year-old labrador by night. Brian loves Rod's House and loves this community.

**YWCA:**

- In 2019 we served roughly 6,804 individuals involved in domestic violence situations, which includes both children and adults.
- In 2019 we provided housing services to 93 families.
- We responded to nearly 857 individuals via law enforcement’s 72-hour reports involved in domestic violence calls and connection to law enforcement.
- We also reached to roughly 595 youth via education and support groups ranging from middle-high school grades.

**Rod’s House:**

- In 2019, we saw 427 unique youth and young adults, who accessed Rod's House a cumulative 7,230 times.
- In 2019, we served 4,835 meals, recorded 2,412 visits to our clothing room, and provided showers and laundry services over 1,000 times.
- In 2019, 45 YYA become newly employed, 44 YYA secured safe and stable housing, and 46 YYA achieved educational accomplishments.