

COC Steering Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time June 25, 2015, | Meeting location Share Fromhold

Facilitator Amy Reynolds
Note taker Becky Morgan

Attendees:

Andy Silver, Peggy Sheehan, Kate Budd, Amy Reynolds, Lydia Saunders, Scott Conger, Roy Johnson, Debby Dover

Agenda topics | Minutes | Presenter | Amy Reynolds:

Lydia Saunders moved to approve Aprils Minutes, Roy Johnson seconded. Motion Passed.

Agenda topic | Crisis Beds | Presenter | Andy Silver:

The CFTH board of directors has been re-assessing and trying to come up with better solutions for the affordable housing crisis. They have been looking at how can we expand access and get people off the streets faster. We have reached out to faith communities to communicate current needs and discover how they can help us. Andy said some churches had expressed interest in letting people park in the church parking lot. Amy said we had that happening in our parking lot last summer and experienced problems with our neighbors calling police due to garbage, fighting and that the neighbors were worried about where these campers would go to the bathroom. Andy said the churches would need portable toilets. Beautiful Savior church is hosting a meeting on the 15th of July to discuss this issue. Andy asked how we would raise the money for churches to host shelters. Who would man the shelter? The overnight shifts are very hard to get covered. Maybe we could come up with church shelters that are held at rotating churches rather than the same church, and we could offer folks ride to shelter. Amy suggested that for the crisis beds we focus on women, singles and families, the folks with the extreme issues would be hard for the faith based to handle. Peggy said that we should focus on families only for the faith based and see if they would be interested in hosting them. Kate said that could help free up some shelter space for more single females possibly. Peggy said we should just leave the singles out of the conversation when speaking to the faith based about the situation. Andy asked what the faith based model look likes. How do we fund it? Lydia asked about Living Hope Church, they have a huge parking lot and could potentially host a lot of car campers. Andy said they have their own WHO so he wasn't sure what they are considering now. Kate asked what's next and Andy said that he is hoping for a couple of 1 on 1 meetings and he is waiting for more clarity on the day shelter. He would like to go into conversations with a model in mind and not have all the back and forth with ideas that might not work. Lydia asked about the Giving Closet, they seem to have a lot of warehouse space and could be able to provide a lot of overnight space.

Agenda topic | Update on Section 8 | Presenter | Roy Johnson:

The waitlist will be opening up in July and will be focusing on homeless youth and people who are on the Medicare and Medicaid. We have a couple of MOU's already signed with the schools to refer students and with healthcare agencies. We are the only group in the nation opening the list to Medicare and Medicaid currently.

Agenda topic | Update on state budget | Presenter | Andy Silver:

It looks like there will be an agreement any time now. No cuts for programs that support people who are homeless but there will be a 1 million cut to the schools. 211 was not fully funded in Washington state, which may result in program changes or cuts. Bill 2263 goes before the committee tomorrow, it should be done soon. Amy asked if we should advocate and Andy said he didn't think he would want to send out another action alert. Peggy was explaining that the city can already tax folks in this way and has not decided to do it yet.

Agenda topic | COC Monitoring | Presenter | Kate Budd:

Last meeting Kate brought all the paper work for the monitoring process, thank you for all the feedback. The checklist was paired down and everything is now available in zoom grants. We have 17 questions and are now ready to use our tool. We asked all the participating agencies to go into zoom grants and fill out forms. We hope to have the information collected by August. Kate said this will be a learning year. Andy said that other COC's scoring is not as robust as what we are going to be doing and this process will help our application.

Agenda topic | Day Center | Presenter | Peggy Sheehan:

The current focus is on finding a place for the day center on the west side of town. The businesses downtown are very upset about the current number of people who may be homeless and causing issues all over downtown. We are looking at the I5 to Columbia River and up to 4th plain area. They talked to St. Paul's, and they are supportive but would have difficulty hosting a day center. The Friends of the Carpenter are interested but not sure how yet. Peggy is putting together a matrix of who might work and how much it might cost. The day center would consist of showers, and a resting station. Peggy said they would like to have an idea of how to move forward with the day center by the end of July. She also stated that this will not solve the problem, but it will give people a place to go.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Next meeting July 29, 2:00-3:30pm		
For next meeting look at the task forces and what we should do with them.	All	
Look at Clark County Action plan	All	