



Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless
 --A Continuum of Care and Homeless Task Force
 Wednesday, January 11, 2023
 10:00am-11:05am
 Via Zoom

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Meeting Minutes

10:00am	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please introduce yourself and your agency in the chat 	<p>Laura Ellsworth, Council for the Homeless</p>
<p>Issues, Hot Topics & Discussion</p>		
10:05am	<p>Humane Society of SW WA</p> <p>Safe Haven Program The Safe Haven Program is temporary housing for pets when owners are unable to house and care for their pets. This includes people who are temporarily unhoused or are hospitalized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 day limit for housing pets. Availability is dependent on current shelter population and space. Open to dogs, cats, and rabbits. Spay and neutering at no cost. <p>The Humane Society is planning to expand the Safe Haven Program to allow for fostering in homes.</p> <p>Help Fund The Help Fund provides assistance to low income individuals who need assistance with medical care. The requirements for Help Fund assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-preventative care Treatable condition Good prognosis for recovery <p>Fund availability are dependent on veterinary office participation.</p> <p>Spay and Save Program – free spay and neutering for cats.</p> <p>There will be a pet clinic at Project Homeless Connect for unhoused pet owners. The clinic offers routine physicals, vaccinations, and other prevention services.</p> <p>Resources for unhoused pet owners are printed on the 7th edition of the Pocket Guide.</p>	<p>LJ Skiles, HSSW</p>
10:30am	<p>Point in Time Count Update</p> <p>The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires Continuums of Care to conduct a PIT Count every other year. Washington State Department of Commerce requires a yearly PIT Count.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual PIT Count in Clark County takes place the same day as Project Homeless Connect. 14 teams are scheduled to participate; Count will be done via a mobile app. 	<p>Dale Whitley, Council for the Homeless Cody Shaw and Laura Ellsworth presented in Dale's absence</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack and hygiene kits will be distributed as the count takes place. <p>The purpose of PIT Count is to get an annual count of the number of people experiencing homelessness on the 4th Thursday of every January in Clark County. The count is an educated guess and even though, it is an undercount, it allows the HCRS to provide ‘apples to apples’ comparisons each year and helps determine population trends overall.</p>	
10:40am	<p>Vancouver Public Schools, Office of the Ombuds Program Update https://vansd.org/ombuds/</p> <p>Ombuds is a supportive persons who assists families in navigating conflict and issues.</p> <p>What Ombuds Offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance for families with concerns • Providing information about Vancouver School District policy and Procedure • Facilitates communication with families • Informal mediation • Gives families the opportunity to voice concerns and ask questions. <p>How Ombuds System of Support Operates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outreach 2. Navigation 3. Consultation 4. Collaboration 5. Improvement <p>What Ombuds Does Not Offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy • Legal advice • Intervention in legal or appeal processes • Influence or change to decision or actions • Acting as a compliance officer or law enforcement <p>The Ombuds Office takes specific steps to find resolutions that are in the best interest of families starting with</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intake and consultation with families and identifying parental concerns. 2. Intervention and collaboration by analyzing case details, collecting information, and working with both families and personnel. 3. Referral to internal or external support, resources, or agencies. <p><i>“The education Ombuds works with students, families, schools, and the community to resolve conflicts, build supportive partnerships, and foster collaboration so that every student can engage in a valuable educational experience within Vancouver Public Schools”</i></p>	<p>Rachel Cason, VPS</p>
10:50am	<p>Project Homeless Connect Update</p> <p>Council for the Homeless and Thrive 2 Survive have organized the 2023 Project Homeless Connect at St. Joseph Catholic Church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 26 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm • Doors open at 7:00 am for people exiting nightly shelters. • Services include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dental, eye, and foot care. 	<p>Laura Ellsworth, Council for the Homeless</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vaccines ○ Winter clothing ○ Winter supplies ○ Pet care ○ Housing information and assistance ○ Social services ● Breakfast for people arriving at 7:00 am. ● Lunch will be served by the 8th grade class at St. Joe's. ● Pocket Guides will be available for those in attendance. <p>Transportation to and from the event is provided throughout Clark County, including East and North County, and rural areas.</p> <p>ASL, Chuukese, and Spanish interpreters will present and event coordinators are in the process of securing Russian translation services.</p> <p>Outreach Teams will be passing out postcards the week prior to the event.</p>	
11:05am	Adjourn	Laura Ellsworth , Council for the Homeless

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Next Coalition Meeting: March 8, 2023, from 10:00am-11:15am

The Coalition meets on the 2nd Wed, bi-monthly for planning to prevent and end homelessness in Clark County.

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For more information on the Coalition, visit www.councilforthehomeless.org and click on Agency Resources.

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