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Meeting Notes

10:00am	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please introduce yourself in the chat • Feel free to ask questions in the chat box 	Laura Ellsworth , Council for the Homeless
Issues, Hot Topics & Discussion		
10:05am	Breakout Room Discussion Participants discussed the pros and cons of returning to in person services, and how that might impact access or reasonable accommodation for the people they serve.	All
10:15am	2022 Legislative Session Update Lead Policy Priorities that died: HB 2017 (Housing Justice Act) Did not go to vote in Housing Human Services, and Veterans committee. HB 1904 (6 months notice for rent increases of more than 7%) Went to rules committee and did not go to vote. HB 2023 (Enforcement of Tenant Protections) Did not go to vote in Housing, Human Services, & Veterans committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlord-tenant laws in Washington are considered “self-help” which means it is up to individual tenants to enforce their rights, on their own. • There is no entity charged with the enforcement of laws protecting tenants from unscrupulous or neglectful landlords. • HB 2023 adds enforcement mechanisms to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act, through the Attorney General’s enforcement of the Consumer Protection Act. Lead Policy Priorities that Passed: HB 1643/SB 5642 (Real Estate Excise Tax Exemption) Tax exemption for sellers who sell to affordable housing providers Other Bills supported or followed that passed: SB 5749 Rental Payment Options HB 1866 Apple Health & Homes HB 1905 Prevent Homelessness for Youth Exiting Systems of Care HB 2075 DSHS Services to be Open and Accessible HB 1724 PSH Task Force at Dept. of Commerce and PSH Seat on Affordable Housing Advisory Board SB 5793 Stipends for People with Lived Expertise on State Boards and Commissions HB 1755 Time Limit Extension to the Five-year Limit for TANF SB 5566 Expanding Eligibility for the Independent Youth Housing Program As the 2022 legislative session closes, many of the bills that didn’t make it and more will be brought up again in the 2023 session to support renters	Caroline Lopez , Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

	<p>and affordable housing in Washington State.</p> <p>2022 was a successful year for budget priorities.</p> <p>With \$500 million going to investing in affordable homes, giving \$430 million to the Housing Trust Fund.</p> <p>The ABD Cash Grant was increased to \$417 a month \$55 million is to go to organizations to support front line workers and workforce stabilization.</p> <p>Other budget wins include additional funds for pre-eviction legal aid, tenants' rights, foreclosure prevention, and Medicaid expansion to support those going into PSH.</p> <p>The total two year capital investment for building or acquiring affordable homes and shelter is over \$734 million dollars.</p>	
10:30am	<p>Columbia River Mental Health Services Mobile Health program</p> <p>The mobile health team has been in service since November 2021, the team is comprised of multiple medical professionals who go to various places in the county to serve the homeless community. In February 2022, 60 individuals were served by the mobile service. 12 individuals were given mental health assessments which are requirements for housing, more clients were connected with other services. A prescriber has joined the mobile team so homeless individuals are able to receive critical medication.</p> <p>The mobile team is currently in Vancouver twice a week, one day in Battle Ground, and one day in Vancouver. A second mobile health team is in the works so it is a seven day a week operation.</p>	<p>Dawn Tec Yah, CRMHS Mike Delay, CRMHS</p>
10:50am	<p>Update on Rental Assistance</p> <p>ERA 1.0 and ERA 2.0 is expected to spend out in June 2022 with over \$50 million available in assistance between the programs.</p> <p>Funding since August 2020 has included utility and rent assistance that served roughly 5,225 households, specifically households where the head is a member of a marginalized community.</p> <p>While vital to keeping clients in their homes, there are obvious struggles due to the unprecedented amount of funding available. There have been no guidelines set from the Treasury Department and very little guidance for organizations to operate. Along with the lack of guidelines, organizations struggle with staffing as needs arise. Temporary staff have been contracted to help with the burden of the ongoing need.</p> <p>Beyond staffing challenges, clients will face long wait times and overwhelming waitlists to ensure organizations do not take on more clients and run out of funding. With the end of the eviction moratorium, timing is critical in keeping clients housed. There is also the need for increased cooperation from landlords that includes them being willing to communicate with housing providers and keep clear and accurate ledgers.</p> <p>For help finding resources, contact 211 or go to 211info.org.</p>	<p>Rebecca Royce, Clark County</p>
11:05am	<p>PIT Count/PHC Recap</p> <p>The 2022 count recently concluded, is a combination of federally/state required count of people experiencing homelessness in Clark County. HUD granted waivers to not perform the unsheltered part of the count in January of 2021 prior to the full vaccine roll out. In 2022, HUD gave an exception due to Omicron to push the final count out to February. The</p>	<p>Dale Whitley/Laura Ellsworth, Council for the Homeless</p>

	<p>count is conducted by outreach teams working in the field, and from the HMIS system, which counts individuals in shelter.</p> <p>Project Homeless Connect was originally to take place in January but was pushed out to February. The event was overall successful but due to the change of date and weather, the dental van was unable to come out. About 70 clients came, which is much smaller than past years, and 13 people were able to get vaccinated.</p>	
11:15am	Adjourn	Laura Ellsworth , Council for the Homeless

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Next Coalition Meeting: May 11, 2022, 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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