

MINUTES

Clallam County Homelessness Task Force
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual and In Person
BOCC Meeting Room 160
June 6, 2023
2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Members Present: Cheri Tinker, Debbi Tesch, Leonard Hitz, Sharon Maggard, Jenny Oppelt, Sarah Woodward, Paul Cunningham, Kathy Morgan, Sandra Allen, Vicki Lowe, Amy Miller, Charlie Commeree, and Ann Simpson

Absent: Sam Schroeder, Johnny Ankrom, John DeBoer, Christy Smith, Tim Fletcher, and Loni Greninger

General Attendance: Commissioner Randy Johnson, Christine Dunn, Dana Ward, Joseph Mocerri, Tom McCullough, Barbara Offerman, Laura Cepoi, Beverly Lee, Marki Lockhart and Jody Jacobsen

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm.

2. AGENDA

- Majority approved the agenda as presented.

3. MINUTES – March 7, 2023

- Majority approved the minutes as presented.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Position Vacancies
 - WA State Department of Social and Health Services representative, Faith Community representative, Homeless or Formerly Homeless representative, At-Large representative, Tribal Government representatives from Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Quileute Tribe, and Makah Tribe.
 - If you know of anyone interested in joining the board, please have them contact Christine Dunn.
- 2023-2025 RFP Contract Update – Christine Dunn – Contracts are currently with the legal department. Once approved by legal, contracts will be sent to agencies for review

and signature. Contracts will then move on to the BOCC for final approval and be in place beginning July 1, 2023.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation by Marki Lockhart and Laura Cepoi from the Olympic Agency Area on Aging (O3A) on the Homeshare Program *See attached slides. Discussion followed.
- Debbie Tesch from Peninsula Housing Authority (PHA) and Sharon Maggard from Serenity House each gave an overview of what their respective agencies are encountering regarding homeless senior citizens in our area. Discussion followed.

6. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Potential presentation from Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
- McKinney-Vento youth homelessness numbers from across Clallam
- Update by Timothy Dalton on the Housing Solutions Committee
- Warming Centers discussion

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Johnson – provided an update on the Wildland Urban Interface. There is the possibility that this will do away with self-help builds. Self-help builds are similar to Habitat for Humanity builds. This could be disastrous and may require everyone to go to their legislators and voice their thoughts.
- Amy Miller – Clallam Transit has rolled out their Veterans Ride Free program.
- Kathy Morgan – OlyCAP received funding to build a new shelter with permanent supportive housing beds in the shelter, 3 family suites. It will house up to 50 individuals at a time and it will be located in Phase 3 of Caswell-Brown. Construction to begin around September 1st.
- Sarah (Kat) Woodward – Rose House is having a Grand Re-Opening on June 20th from 11am-4pm. Rose House is transitional housing.
- Christine Dunn – provided an update from the Olympic Community of Health (OCH) Housing Collaborative held on the 18th of May. Key takeaway was the connection between health and housing and that connections need to be strengthened. There is real value in continuing these conversations at the regional level. OCH will be hosting another Housing Collaborative in the fall. Christine will forward information when received.
- Christine Dunn – provided an update on the Sequim Health and Housing Collaborative's 2023 Human Services Summit. Discussions centered around what was working and what wasn't. Who needed to be at the table for this work. Gaps and needs were identified during the meeting. These will help drive the next meeting and may result in smaller

workgroups forming to begin some of the work. Jody Jacobsen voiced some concern around the actual numbers of homeless youth. Sharon Maggard shared that her update might shed some light on Jody's concern.

- Sharon Maggard – reported that Serenity House's (SH) Justice Involved contract for youth was renewed. SH is working with the sheriff's department on a process to provide wraparound services before release for youth so that they have a place to be once they are released. SH is also working on strengthening relationships with youth in foster care and trying to help youth create a plan and access services before leaving the foster home. More discussion followed.
- Cheri Tinker – reported that there are two stand downs coming up. First is Port Townsend at the Elk Lodge on July 31st and the second in on October 5th at the Port Angeles Fairgrounds.

9. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm

Next meeting: September 5, 2023
Clallam County BOCC Meeting Room

Members of the Homelessness Task Force

Cheri Tinker, Sarah Woodward, Paul Cunningham, Johnny Ankrom, Samuel Schroeder, John DeBoer, Sandra Allen, Kathy Morgan, Debbi Tesch, Vicki Lowe, Tim Fletcher, Jenny Oppelt, Sharon Maggard, Charlie Commerree, Leonard Hitz, Ann Simpson, Christy Smith, Amy Miller, Joyce Stuart, Loni Greninger, and Joseph Mocerri

NOTE: These meeting notes are not verbatim