

MINUTES

Clallam County Homelessness Task Force
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual and In Person
BOCC Meeting Room 160
December 7, 2021
2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Members Present: John DeBoer, Michael French, Mark Hodgson, Rebecca Korby, Sharon Maggard, Jenny Oppelt, Christy Smith, Debbi Tesch, Cheri Tinker, Kathy Morgan, Ann Simpson, Rachel Anderson, Paul Cunningham

Absent: Lori Sweet, Lisa Haugh, Jaymie Doane

General Attendance: Commissioner Randy Johnson, Kevin LoPiccolo, Christine Dunn, Ingrid Carmean, Ken Reandeau, Joe DeScala, Dylan Godsey, Amy Miller

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm.

2. AGENDA

- Majority approved the agenda.

3. MINUTES - Approval from September 7, 2021 meeting

- Minutes approved with confirmation that Paul Cunningham was not in attendance at the meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- **Coordinated Entry update-Sharon Maggard – Serenity House (see attached presentation for data and further details):** Dylan Godsey and Sharon Maggard gave an update on Serenity House Coordinated Entry. Changes made to Coordinated Entry since September 2021 include:
 - Added 2 receptionists for better access
 - Port Angeles Main Office change phone to one line 360.452.7224 ext. 1
 - All office hours Mon-Fri open 9-5PM (1 Hour lunch 12-1PM)
 - Full time - Forks office in August 2021 – Phone: 360.670.4934
 - Full time - Sequim office in October – Phone 360.682.944

- Partner Participation in Tuesday Meeting Increased from 2 to 19
 - Implemented satisfaction surveys in October 2021
 - Director of CE became a voting member for CoC BoS subcommittee
 - Over 10 outreach events since last meeting have been conducted in Clallam Bay, isolated areas, Forks, Sequim
 - Youth Services Manager took lead for CE events, and meetings
 - November applied and received from ERAP cash advance for rent now processing rents within 30 Days
- **Affordable Housing Emergency Housing funds 2060 Application – Jenny Oppelt:**
Applications will be accepted from January 5 – December 1, 2022. In addition to the \$20,376 in reserves, and additional \$19,624 was added to bring the total of available funds to \$40,000.00. The applications will be processed through CCHHS to help limit the barriers to implementing decisions and funding in a timely manner. The application contains all the information regarding the fund, and what is needed to apply. A motion was made, and seconded; the Board unanimously approved to move this forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners.
The application and details can be found here:
<http://www.clallam.net/HHS/>
<http://www.clallam.net/HHS/documents/AH2060AP2022.pdf>

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **Safe Parking/Camping discussion:** Sharon Maggard will reach out to Brian King CC Sheriff's Dept., City of Sequim Police, REDisCOVERY, and City of Forks for numbers of individuals living in vehicles. Security, restrooms and showers will need to be addressed. She feels the problem needs to be defined in order to determine what services need to be provided, and where it would be. Discussion tabled until more information is gathered.
- **House Bill 1590 - Housing Solutions discussion:** House Bill 1590 is an act that allows 1/10 of 1% of the local sales and use tax for affordable housing, to be imposed by a councilmanic authority. This would accrue roughly \$1million per year. Port Angeles City Council member Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin, and the Housing Solutions group, are behind the effort to seek approval on this tax. If approved, it could generate much needed funding for affordable housing projects within the County. Jefferson County has already enacted it. Discussion followed.
- **Membership Bylaw discussion:** The HTF currently has 27 positions, and 25 is the maximum per the bylaws. This needs to be cleared up. A possible option is to do away with 2 of the Homeless/Formerly Homeless, since the bylaws read 'one or more' of this position, reducing it to just one. Another option would be to change the bylaws to

increase the membership from 25 to 27. Lastly, a review of the positions that have been hard to fill could be another option to reduce our numbers. Discussion followed. It was agreed that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting. Jenny will send out the bylaw information to the board for review and discussion at next meeting.

6. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Membership bylaw discussion

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joe DeScala – reported being a proponent of the ‘Safe Parking’ project, and has ideas to assist with this. He requested to be included in further discussion.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cheri Tinker – NORVHN: Hobucket House modular homes are scheduled to be delivery January 12, 2022.
- Kathy Morgan – OLYCAP: Kathy reported they are starting construction on 43 units. Jefferson County gave OLYCAP property in Port Townsend, and she discussed the plans for that project. She reported their office has moved to Sims Way.
- Debbie Tesch – PHA: opening Section 8 housing list in January. She has clients with housing vouchers, so she’s looking for rentals. Winding up phase one renovations of two buildings in Port Angeles; The Manor and View Villa Apartments.
- Randy Johnson: reported O3A Home sharing program coming to Clallam
- Amy Miller – ReDiscovery: Hot cocoa drive, December 19 and 20. Looking for donations, contact Amy if you’re able to help.

9. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 4:13pm

Next meeting: March 1, 2022
Virtual
Clallam County BOCC Meeting Room

Members of the Homelessness Task Force

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