

Clallam County Homelessness Task Force
“Decent housing is a basic human right for everyone”

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2021

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Board of Commissioners Public Meeting Room
223 E 4th Street · Port Angeles
AND Virtual

Members Present: Mary Hogan, Joseph Cress, Kathy Morgan, Christy Smith, Tom Steffen, John DeBoer, Michael French, Corrie Matlock-Hightower, Rebecca Korby, Anne Simpson, Cheri Tinker, Sharon Maggard, Mark Hodgson, Patrice Varela-Daylo

Members Excused: Jenny Oppelt, Debbi Tesch, Jaymie Doane, Susan Hillgren

Members Absent: Lori Sweet, Lisa Haugh

General Attendance: Kevin LoPiccolo, Commissioner Randy Johnson

- **Welcome and Introductions**
Introductions were made by all in attendance.
- **Agenda Approval**
Agenda approved.
- **Approval of the March 2, 2021 Minutes**
Minutes approved with modification to show Patricia Varela-Daylo was in attendance.
- **New Business**
RFP recommendations:
Mary Hogan gave a recap on the RFP committee recommendation summary (see attached document).
Discussion followed.
There was discussion on the \$20K (approx.) remaining balance for the 2060 funds.
Mary Hogan made a motion to approve the committees’ 2021-2023 RFP Review Committee funding recommendations, and to use the remaining 2060 balance for an emergency fund that must be used for 2060 qualifying expenditures.
Majority approved.
Recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners.
- **Old Business**
Outreach Committee Update and Position Vacancies
Current vacancies:
Tribal Government: Jamestown S’Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Makah and Quileute
City governments of Forks and Sequim
DSHS
The committee and the Commissioners’ will work together to draft a letter to Tribes, and City governments.

- **Future Meeting Agendas**

Letter to Tribal and City government

Agency presentations: Cheri Tinker volunteered to present for NORVN at June meeting

Email Cheri Tinker with future meeting agenda ideas:

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- **Public Comment**

None

- **Updates and Announcements from Task Force Members**

John DeBoer-At Large: Commented on the need for agency funding for grant writing and operational funds.

Joseph Cress-OPCC: 1500 sq. foot annex under construction for Behavioral Health, REDisCOVERY and Administration. Both REDisCOVERY Diversion and Community Paramedic programs are working well, and they are seeing considerable cost savings.

Mary Hogan-OMC: The Children's Clinic is seeing an uptick in COVID cases and their Respiratory Clinic has been busy. Largest increase in COVID cases is among children 10 and under.

Corrie Matlock-Hightower-At Large: They are seeing cases at Crescent School, and are doing contact tracing. She was pleased to serve on the RFP committee, and learn a lot about the process.

Becca Korby-Healthy Families: Becca reported that she has seen an increase in services once school reopened to in person learning. Domestic violence and child abuse is not decreasing. Healthy Families is 50 years old this year. They are considering the month of September to have a party.

Cheri Tinker-NORVHN: Hobucket House opening by the end of August. They are doing some last minute fundraising. They are planning on building another 7 bedroom house in Sequim and are looking to name it after a Sequim veteran.

Patrice Varela-Daylo-Worksource: She retired from Worksource the end of March. The Worksource office is closed, and may not open until September. The extra \$300 per week in unemployment, combined with the job search requirement being waived is making it hard for employers. The office will be moving to Sequim. Jefferson County office has closed.

Ann Simpson-Mariposa House: The REDisCOVERY program reached out to her. She wants to meet with Joe Cress at OPCC to discuss further.

Pastor Tom Steffan-Faith Community: First United Methodist Church opened to 25 people last Sunday. They are partnering with the YES program (Youth Entry Services) and are hoping to start a culinary program. Friday night dinners will be starting up again soon.

Mark Hodgson-WA State Patrol: He's happy to be a member of the HTF.

Kathy Morgan-OlyCap: ERAP rental assistance money is spent. They have lost of rental assistance money available in Jefferson County. They can help landlords, as well.

They will be having a ground breaking ceremony for the 7th and Hendricks property the end of July.

Sharon Maggard-Serenity House: Their Youth program is doing very well. They are distributing ERAP funds for rent and utilities. They are having an Open House tomorrow (4/7/21). She is waiting on the building permit to expand the shelter.

Christy Smith-United Way: Thank you to all the HHS staff for help the RFP.

Commissioner Randy Johnson: He is in discussion with the Prosecuting Attorney, and Judges regarding a Mental Health Court, he is hopeful that it will move forward. He reported that 650 businesses applied for CARES money, they were able to help approximately 300 of those. The County will be receiving 7.5 million this year and 7.5 million next year, some of which will be allocated to homelessness.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42pm

Next Meeting: June 1, 2021

Members of the Homelessness Task Force:

Joseph Cress, John DeBoer, Jaymie Doane, Michael French, Lisa Haugh,
Mark Hodgson, Rebecca Korby, Corrie Matlock-Hightower, Kathy Morgan,
Jenny Oppelt, Ann Simpson, Sharon Maggard, Christy Smith, Tom Steffan, Lori Sweet,
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