

MINUTES

Clallam County Homelessness Task Force
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual and In Person
BOCC Meeting Room 160
June 4, 2024
2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Members Present: Sharon Maggard – *Serenity House*, Christy Smith – *United Way of Clallam County*, John DeBoer – *Homeless/Formerly Homeless*, Jenny Oppelt – *Clallam County Health and Human Services*, Johnny Ankrom - *Worksource*, Paul Cunningham – *Healthcare Provider*, Sandra Allen - *Mental Health / Substance Use Provider*, Debbi Tesch – *Peninsula Housing Authority*, Charlie Commeree – *Law and Justice System*, Amy Miller – *City of Port Angeles*, Cheri Tinker – *Advocate for Veterans' Issues*, Dan Butler – *City of Sequim*, Joyce Stuart – *At – Large*, and Loni Greninger – *Tribal Government*

Absent: Joseph Mocerri – *Homeless or Formerly Homeless*, Tim Fletcher – *City of Forks*, and Sarah (Kat) Woodward – *Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Provider*

General Attendance: Commissioner Randy Johnson, Christine Dunn, Mike Flynn, Janet Gray, Viola Ware, and Chelsea Reynolds

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. AGENDA

- Majority approved the agenda as amended.
 - Request to add Vote for Faith Community Representative

3. MINUTES – March 5, 2024

- Majority approved the minutes as presented.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Position Vacancies
 - WA State Department of Social and Health Services representative
 - Faith Community representative
 - Business Community representative

- Tribal Government representatives from Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Quileute Tribe, and Makah Tribe
- 5-year plan update – CLIHP Grant - WA Commerce local guidance plan
 - Clallam County received a \$35,000 grant to hire a consultant through an RFP process to assist with updating the 5-year plan. A workgroup for the 5-year plan has been assembled to help guide and inform the process of updating the 5-year plan. One of the goals of the updated 5-year plan will be to create and set goals for homelessness and supportive housing. This updated 5-year plan will be a document that will assist in creating benchmarks and setting goals. Discussion followed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Clallam County Health & Human Services (CCHHS) has received supplemental document recording fee funds from WA Commerce to maintain programs primarily funded by these fees. CCHHS has also received supplemental CHG funds from WA Commerce to be passed through to Serenity House for CHG programs.
- Meeting cadence discussion
 - Members voted to adjust the meetings to every other month. Majority approved.
- Chair and Vice-Chair of the Homelessness Task Force – Vote
 - Members voted Sharon Maggard as Chair and Amy Miller as Vice-Chair
- Position Vacancy – Faith Community Representative – Vote
 - Members voted to forward the recommendation of Abby Bowman to serve as the Faith Community Representative to the Board of County Commissioners. Majority approved.

6. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Safe Parking – Environmental aspects
- Housing first model
- Therapeutic courts presentation
- Benchmarks from current agencies for 5-year plan
- Ongoing funding for service agency operations
- PIT count update
- Camping/Grants Pass decision/Code Barriers

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cheri Tinker announced that Minsky place is now open. They have hired a second case manager and are looking to the future to open a women's veteran home.

- Christy Smith and Sharon Maggard have been working on a grant with Peninsula College for the Washington Student Achievement Council. This grant will help people who may begin the process of enrolling in college, but never complete enrollment due to unmet needs. Also, United Way purchased the building at 319 South Peabody and is renting it to Peninsula Dispute Resolution Center and North Olympic Land Trust. Open house is scheduled for June 11th at 12:00p.m.
- Amy Miller announced that Habitat for Humanity had their opening for Veteran's housing.
- Sandra Allen stated that Peninsula Behavioral Health is announcing a new program under the Outreach Services Department which is part of the True Blood Settlement, Forensic PATH and Forensic HARPS.

9. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting: August 6, 2024
Clallam County BOCC Meeting Room

Members of the Homelessness Task Force

Cheri Tinker, Sarah (Kat) Woodward, Paul Cunningham, Johnny Ankrom, John DeBoer, Sandra Allen, Debbi Tesch, Dan Butler, Tim Fletcher, Jenny Oppelt, Sharon Maggard, Charlie Commeree, Christy Smith, Amy Miller, Joyce Stuart, Loni Greninger, and Joseph Mocerri

NOTE: These meeting notes are not verbatim