

MINUTES

Clallam County Homelessness Task Force
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual and In Person
BOCC Meeting Room 160
August 6, 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*, Johnny Ankrom - *Worksource*, Paul Cunningham – *Healthcare Provider*, Sandra Allen - *Mental Health / Substance Use Provider*, Charlie Commeree – *Law and Justice System*, Amy Miller – *City of Port Angeles*, Cheri Tinker – *Advocate for Veterans’ Issues*, Sarah (Kat) Woodward – *Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Provider*, Debbi Tesch – *Peninsula Housing Authority*, Viola Ware – *OlyCAP*, 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 Abby Bowman – *Faith Community*

General Attendance: Commissioner Randy Johnson, Beverly Lee, Christine Dunn, T. Scott Brandon, Kevin LoPiccolo, Andrew Reiners, Laurel Shiner, and Chelsea Reynolds

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. AGENDA

- Majority approved the agenda as presented.

3. MINUTES – June 4, 2024

- Correction - Loni Greninger marked absent when she was present.
- Majority approved the minutes as amended.

4. OLD BUSINESS

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

- Advocate for Youth Issues 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. The RFP was released on July 23rd and proposals are due back by August 19th. Proposals will be opened at the BOCC meeting on August 20th. The 5-year plan subcommittee will meet to review and interview candidates. Once a candidate is selected, the contract process will begin.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Clallam County Health & Human Services (CCHHS) has received a request for a letter of support from Peninsula Behavioral Health (PBH) for their “2nd & Oak” project which is a 36-unit permanent supportive housing facility. Andrew Reiners from PBH spoke about the project.
 - Vote – Majority approved letter of support for PBH “2nd & Oak”.
- Camping/Grants Pass Decision/Code Barriers – Barriers to homelessness services discussion.
 - Christine gave an overview of the Grants Pass Decision. This decision is not likely to affect how law enforcement is working with the unhoused population in Clallam County.
 - Amy Miller opened the discussion around barriers to service and camping in public spaces. After input from several members of the HTF, it was requested that a volunteer subcommittee meet to discuss further.
- Respite Care Update
 - T. Scott Brandon from Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic provided an update on the Respite Care program and the need for future funding.

6. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- Safe Parking – Environmental aspects
- Housing first model
- 4PA presentation
- 2025-2027 Funding Priorities Discussion

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cheri Tinker announced that there are still spaces available at Hobucket House and Minsky Place.

- Christy Smith introduced the newest team member at United Way, Laurel Shiner. Laurel is the new Community Impact manager.
- Amy Miller reminded the group that August 31st is International Overdose Awareness Day
- Loni Greninger announced that the 2nd phase of the healing clinic, a 14-bed inpatient facility, is due to break ground before the end of the year.

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

Next meeting: October 1, 2024
Clallam County BOCC Meeting Room

Members of the Homelessness Task Force

Cheri Tinker, Sarah (Kat) Woodward, Paul Cunningham, Johnny Ankrom, Abby Bohman, Viola Ware, 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 Mocerì

NOTE: These meeting notes are not verbatim