



Clallam County Homelessness Task Force

Minutes for August 5, 2025 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

223 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Members Present: Amy Miller – City of Port Angeles, Charlie Commeree – Law and Justice System, Christy Smith – United Way of Clallam County, Dan Butler – City of Sequim, Debbi Tesch – Peninsula Housing Authority, John DeBoer – Homeless/Formerly Homeless, Johnny Ankrom – WorkSource, Sharon Maggard – Serenity House, Viola Ware – OlyCAP, and Cheri Tinker – Advocate for Veteran's Issues

Members Absent: Abby Bohman – Faith Community, Joseph Mocerri – Homeless/Formerly Homeless, Joyce Stuart – At-Large, Sandra Allen – Mental Health/Substance Use Provider, Iliana Jones – Advocate for Youth Issues, Paul Cunningham – Healthcare Provider, Loni Greninger – Tribal Representative, Caleb Anderson – Business Community, Joe Soha – City of Forks

General Attendance: Christine Dunn, Jenny Oppelt, Joe Descala, Susan Hillgren, Bruce Emery, Kristina Nelson-Gross, Nick Dostie, Dr. Joe Cress, Jalyn Boado, Rod Fleck, Paul Buicich, Dr. Nancy Stephanz, Heather Dudley-Hollette, Brad Griffith, Lindsey Schrinen-Wawrin, George Bailey, Holly Morgan, Mike Hill, and Timothy Dalton

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Agenda

- Majority approved the agenda as presented

3. Minutes for 06/03/2025

- Majority approved the minutes as presented

4. Public Comment

- Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin provided public comment
- Brad Griffith provided public comment

5. Old Business

- Position Vacancies
 - WA State Department of Social and Health Services representative
 - Tribal Government representatives from Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Quileute Tribe, and Makah Tribe
 - Service Providers on the West End representative
 - Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault provider representative

6. New Business

- Trinity United Methodist Church Safe Parking presentation – Joseph Cress
Joseph Cress provided a PowerPoint Presentation of the Safe Parking Program that is being implemented by Trinity United Methodist Church and

several partnering agencies. This Program is intended for individuals living in their car, considered vulnerable and in need of a safe place. This Program will be for 3-5 vehicles for a duration of 3 months (with exceptions). Discussion followed.

- Tiny shelter discussion – Christine Dunn gave a PowerPoint presentation comparing tiny shelters and tiny homes, as part of the Homelessness 5-Year Plan to evaluate tiny shelter villages as a potential response to the homelessness crisis in our community. After the presentation, representatives from Forks, Port Angeles, Sequim, and Clallam County discussed what is currently permitted under their respective zoning codes. Joe DeScala (4PA) and Susan Hilgren (TAFY) also shared their experiences developing this type of shelter within Clallam County. This topic will be revisited at the next Homelessness Task Force meeting.
- Home sharing presentation – Dr. Nancy Stephanz gave a brief presentation on the role of home sharing in addressing homelessness in Clallam County. She introduced Nesterly, a company that connects individuals seeking housing with homeowners who have a spare room. To launch services in a new area, Nesterly requires a minimum of 50 interested participants and a designated host agency. Dr. Stephanz is currently compiling a list of potential participants and is seeking a host agency to move the effort forward.
- Holly Morgan (OlyCAP) – Viola Ware introduced OlyCAP's new Executive Director Holly Morgan.
- Position Vacancies – Vote
Members voted to forward the recommendation of Beverly Lee for West End Provider and Sarah McBride for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault Provider to the Board of County Commissioners. Majority approved.

7. Future Agenda Items

- 5-year plan addendum
- Food Bank presentation on food security
- Salvation Army discussion
- Colleen McAleer presentation on prevailing wage
- Therapeutic Courts presentation
- Benchmarks from current agencies for 5-year plan
- Ongoing funding for service agency operations
- Safe Parking – Environmental aspects

8. Updates & Announcements

- Viola Ware announced OlyCAP is starting a feasibility study for starting a hospice/skilled nursing care facility for people experiencing homelessness
- Sharon Maggard announced they are looking to expand properties at Sunbelt
- Christine Dunn announced the additional document recording fee supplemental funds from Washington Commerce for the 2025 funding period.

9. Public Comment – *Please limit comments to three minutes*

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2025

Homelessness Task Force Members: Sandra Allen, Dan Butler, Amy Miller, Paul Cunningham, John DeBoer, Joe Soha, Joyce Stuart, Joseph Mocer, Loni Greninger, Iliana Jones, Johnny Ankrom, Sharon Maggard, Viola Ware, Caleb Anderson, Abby Bohman, Jenny Oppelt, Charlie Commeree, Christy Smith, Debby Tesch, and Cheri Tinker