

MINUTES

Clallam County Homelessness Task Force
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual and In Person
BOCC Meeting Room 160
May 6, 2025
2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Members Present: Amy Miller – *City of Port Angeles*, Joe Soha – *City of Forks*, Paul Cunningham – *Healthcare Provider*, Charlie Commeree – *Law and Justice System*, Christy Smith – *United Way of Clallam County*, Dan Butler – *City of Sequim*, Debbi Tesch – *Peninsula Housing Authority*, Iliana Jones – *Advocate for Youth Issues*, John DeBoer – *Homeless/Formerly Homeless*, Johnny Ankrom - *Worksource*, Loni Greninger – *Tribal Representative*, Sandra Allen - *Mental Health / Substance Use Provider*, Sharon Maggard – *Serenity House*, Viola Ware – *OlyCAP*, and Caleb Anderson – *Business Community*

Absent: Abby Bohman – *Faith Community*, Cheri Tinker – *Advocate for Veterans' Issues*, Joseph Mocerri – *Homeless or Formerly Homeless*, Joyce Stuart – *At – Large*

General Attendance: Christine Dunn, Commissioner Randy Johnson, Jennifer Pelikan (Sarge's Place), Paul Knox, Timothy Dalton, Keith Ausmus (Serenity House), Jeanne Pratschner

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. AGENDA

- Majority approved the agenda as presented.

3. MINUTES – April 1, 2025

- Majority approved the minutes as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jeanne Pratschner 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

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 5-Year plan final draft review presented by Paul Knox – Vote

Paul Knox presented the final draft of the 2025–2030 Clallam County Homeless Housing Plan. The group engaged in a thorough discussion of the plan’s content, leading to several suggested edits and additions. For example, under Objective 1, Key Strategy “Explore creation of tiny shelter villages,” a recommendation was made—and accepted—to clarify that this would serve as a transitional step for individuals who have been in shelter for more than two years. Under Objective 2, “Strengthen the homeless service workforce,” the group agreed to include “Provide mental health supports for staff” as a new action step. In Objective 4, “Prioritize assistance based on the greatest barriers to housing stability and the greatest risk of harm,” the HTF recommended listing vulnerable populations with inclusive language such as “including, but not limited to” to avoid unintentional exclusions. Following all revisions, the group voted to forward the 5-Year Plan to the Clallam County Commissioners for final approval.

7. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- PIT count update with Clallam and Jefferson County stats
- Serenity House and Sequim Warming Center updates, closure of Jefferson County shelter
- Tiny Shelter conversation
- Trinity United Methodist Church Safe Parking
- Therapeutic Courts presentation
- Benchmarks from current agencies for 5-year plan
- Ongoing funding for service agency operations
- Supplemental funding update
- Safe Parking – Environmental aspects

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next meeting: June 3, 2025
Clallam County BOCC Meeting Room

Members of the Homelessness Task Force:

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, Debbi Tesch, and Cheri Tinker

NOTE: These meeting notes are not verbatim