



Clallam County Homelessness Task Force

Minutes for February 3, 2026 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Clallam County Courthouse

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160

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

Members Present: Christy Smith – United Way of Clallam County, John DeBoer – Homeless/Formerly Homeless, Sharon Maggard – Serenity House, Sandra Allen – Mental Health/Substance Use Provider, Jennifer Pelikan – Alternate for Advocate for Veteran's Issues, Joyce Stuart – At-Large, Charlie Commeree – Law and Justice System, Debbi Tesch – Peninsula Housing Authority, Dan Butler – City of Sequim, Viola Ware – OlyCAP, Dana Ward – Alternate Tribal Representative, and Iliana Jones – Advocate for Youth Issues

Members Absent: Joe Soha – City of Forks, Johnny Ankrom – WorkSource, Caleb Anderson – Business Community, and Sarah McBride – Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Provider

General Attendance: Christine Dunn, Jenny Oppelt, Timothy Dalton, Tony Andrus, Mark Hodgson, Shane Abold, Brian Wilson, Nicole Hartman, Sam Schroeder, and Janet Gray

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m.

2. Agenda

- Majority approved the agenda as presented

3. Minutes for August 5, 2025 and December 2, 2025

- Majority approved the minutes for August 5, 2025 and December 2, 2025.

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Old Business

- Position Vacancies
 - Tribal Government representatives from Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Quileute Tribe, and Makah Tribe
 - Healthcare Provider representative
 - Department of Social and Health Services representative
 - Faith Community representative
 - Homeless or Formerly Homeless representative
 - West End Service Provider representative
- HUD/Commerce update – Sam Schroeder (WA Commerce)
 - Sam Schroeder presented on potential changes to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, the federal program that provides funding for homelessness services nationwide.

- Homeless Housing Plan – Discussion: State of Homelessness presentation
 - Christine Dunn requested that the Homelessness Task Force convene a small subcommittee, as outlined in the Five-Year Plan, to strengthen communication about homelessness with the community, elected officials, and other stakeholders. The work is anticipated to begin in spring 2026, with the goal of developing a presentation for the Board of County Commissioners in fall 2026.

6. New Business

- Program Update – Boys & Girls Clubs Teen Homelessness Prevention & Resources Program
 - Janet Gray from the Boys and Girls Club provided a presentation on the program and the positive impact it has on the teens in our community.
- Position Vacancies – Vote
 - The Homelessness Task Force voted to move Michael Shonsey forward to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval for the Faith Community Representative position.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Food Bank presentation on Food Security
- Salvation Army discussion
- Prevailing Wage presentation from Colleen McAleer
- Therapeutic Courts presentation

8. Updates & Announcements

- Jenny Oppelt reported that the WA Department of Commerce will provide Clallam County with additional document recording fee revenue for Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026–June 30, 2027). Additional details will be shared at a future meeting.
- Sharon Maggard updated the group that Serenity House will have an Open house on February 11, 2026.
- Jennifer Pelikan from Sarge's Veteran Support announced the dates for the three stand-downs on the peninsula: Thursday, May 7 in Forks; Monday, June 22 in Port Townsend; and Thursday, October 1 in Port Angeles..

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

- No public comment.

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2026

Homelessness Task Force Members: Sandra Allen, Beverly Lee, Dan Butler, John DeBoer, Joe Soha, Joyce Stuart, Loni Greninger, Iliana Jones, Johnny Ankrom, Sharon Maggard, Viola Ware, Caleb Anderson, Jenny Oppelt, Charlie Commeree, Christy Smith, Debbi Tesch, and Sarah McBride

HUD Continuum of Care Program Changes

Sam Schroeder

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Continuum of Care Program Update

- Released 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity in November
- Significant changes from previous years
- Challenged in court
- 2025 NOFO rescinded in December
- Court order to follow 2024-25 NOFO from last year until court makes final judgement
 - Final judgement expected by late February/early March

2025 NOFO Proposed Changes

- 30 % Cap on guaranteed funding
- 30 % Cap on Permanent Housing (which includes Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing)
 - Shift to Transitional Housing
- Emphasis on employment income and non-subsidized housing
- Public safety and engagement with law enforcement
- Anti-DEI, gender affirming care, and harm reduction
- Eliminate “Housing First”
 - Focus on service and treatment requirements

Current Status

- All Clallam CoC projects will renew as is for next grant cycle
 - Next round of grants awarded this year and expire in 2027
- Expect some or all of 2025 proposed changes in 2026 NOFO
- Congress T-HUD funding bill proposed some limits
 - Cannot cap guaranteed funding lower than 60%
 - Timelines for awarding of funds and releasing new NOFO

Impact of Potential Changes

- **Shift to Transitional Housing**
 - Residents still considered homeless
 - Eligibility impact to people currently in housing
- **Impact to existing projects and structures**
- **Changes to program design, participant expectations, and outreach**
 - Required services
 - Law enforcement involvement in outreach



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Questions?

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Thank you!



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Our Mission

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.



BGCA Vision

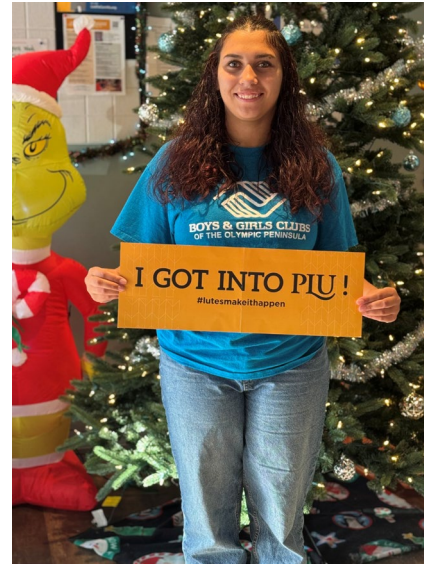
Provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.



Our Two Teen Centers

Teen Membership (13+): 153 Sequim & 74 PA

Academic Success



Enriching Activities



Healthy Lifestyles



Character & Citizenship



Workforce Readiness



Looking Ahead....



Summer Lunch Interns



Molly's Meals



Great Futures Breakfast
March 17 -8am Turner Unit

