



Kitsap Homelessness Coordinating Committee

October 11, 2016

DRAFT Meeting Notes

1. Welcome & Introductions

Commissioner Garrido welcomed participants to the first meeting of the newly formed Homelessness Coordinating Committee.

2. Getting Started

a. Reflections

Participants reflected on the June 30, 2016 Homelessness Workshop.

b. Review Workshop Goals

The goals developed at the homelessness workshop were discussed. These goals are meant to be tangible and time limited in order to keep the momentum. Discussion was had on how this committee will integrate with other agencies and efforts within the County. It was noted that this group will look to fill gaps as opposed to duplicate efforts.

Workshop Goals:

- Create a Task Force, ensure key players are at the table and that the group is sustainable within 3 months (September 2016)
- 20 people in any combination of alternative housing modules in 6 months (January 2017)
- Plan a scattered site Housing First project for 2-10 people in the next 6 months (January 2017)
- Propose a demonstration program to attract new funding (state/federal/private)

3. Role of the HCC

Draft Purpose Statement: To provide leadership on ending homelessness, improve cross-sector coordination, and implement cross-sector strategies.

The role of the coordinating committee was discussed, particularly as it relates to other agencies and organizations that are currently active in our community. It was noted that while many of these other agencies and organizations are actively engaged in the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition, generally participants in that group are at the case management level and are not in a role to make policy-level decisions. In contrast, this committee is intended to be the higher level leadership group who can have policy and funding discussions and affect change at the County level.

The group also discussed the name of the committee. The committee was encouraged to email Kirsten Jewell with input regarding the name of the committee and what they would like to see included in the purpose.

Committee members requested information about what other agencies and organizations within Kitsap County are currently doing. By identifying all of the groups and determining what they have going on, the committee can conduct a gap analysis/assets inventory to determine where to focus the committee's efforts and resources.



The 2016 Kitsap Homeless Housing Plan includes a high level gap analysis for homeless services and affordable housing and proposes strategies to fill these gaps. This may meet the expressed interest in a gap analysis and Kirsten Jewell will send out a link to the plan.

It was decided that committee members will submit their organization's mission and a paragraph or two on how their organization intersects with affordable housing and/or homelessness and to send that to Kirsten Jewell for compilation.

At the next meeting, time will be spent reviewing the current landscape of homelessness and affordable housing provision.

Committee members agreed that a gap analysis should not slow down the process of moving forward on goals; both can happen concurrently.

There was discussion about whether it is necessary to have some sort of enabling ordinance or legislation that describes the nature of the group and what it is empowered to do.

4. Who else do we need on this committee?

Participants suggested that the following sectors should also be included:

- Salish Behavioral Health Organization
- Homebuilders
- Olympic Community of Health
- Shelters
- Teens
- Federal VA
- NW Justice Project
- Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Land Use Committee

5. Review Current Activities Related to the Workshop Goals

Committee members reported on progress towards the workshop goals:

- Commissioner Garrido is working with a state event in March that will invite high school students from each county to build a tiny house. Kitsap may be able to get some of these tiny houses to site here.
- The YWCA's Morrow Manor project in Poulsbo includes \$2M in funding from the Poulsbo Rotary; it will provide Housing First units for women fleeing domestic violence.
- The Coffee Oasis is rehabbing the old community center in Kingston as a coffee shop and youth drop in center.
- The Suquamish Tribe has developed a number of new projects in the last six months: an Oxford House in a 10-bedroom house and another 6-bedroom house for women. A second project provides a place for people living in travel trailers and RVs to live. Also under development is a large housing development for low- and extremely low-income households.
- Bremerton Housing Authority recently completed the purchase of 13 homes, with another 18 more in process. These will be available for very low-income households.
- Poulsbo will be losing affordable housing in two buildings because they are aging out of their period of affordability. Despite hard work, other units in which to place those vouchers have not been secured. They can be placed any where in the county.



6. Next Steps/Follow-up Items

The group agreed to meet monthly; Kirsten will send out a meeting time for November. At that meeting, time will be spent getting to know the organizations at the table. Also on the agenda will be reviewing the workshop goals and discussing how to move forward on them as quickly as possible.

Follow-up for all committee members:

- Send Kirsten ideas for the name of the group.
- Send Kirsten ideas for the purpose statement for the group.
- Send Kirsten your organization’s mission and a paragraph or two about its work intersects with affordable housing and/or homelessness.

Meeting Participants:

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido	Kitsap County Commissioner
Mayor Becky Erickson	City of Poulsbo Mayor
Lisa Nickel	Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
Andrea Talmadge	Washington Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Susan Turner, MD	Kitsap Public Health District
Kim Kumpf	Suquamish Tribe
Greg Lynch	OESD 114
Denise Frey	YWCA
Larry Eyer	Kitsap Community Resources
Jeanette Dalton	District Court Judge
Sam Lyons	Kitsap County Treatment Court
Sean Raybell	Department of Corrections
Elizabeth Court	Workforce Development Council
Holly Paterson	Housing Kitsap
Larry Robertson	Pastor, Black Ministerial Alliance
Jennifer Kreidler-Moss	Peninsula Community Health
James Doctor	Bremerton Municipal Court Judge
Kurt Wiest	Bremerton Housing Authority
Scott Crowell	Suquamish Tribe
Rochelle Doan	Kitsap Mental Health Services
Kirsten Jewell	Kitsap County Human Services
Nicole Kremer	Kitsap County Human Services