

MINUTES

Clallam County Homelessness Task Force
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual and In Person
BOCC Meeting Room 160
March 1, 2022
2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Members Present: John DeBoer, Mark Hodgson, Rebecca Korby, Sharon Maggard, Jenny Oppelt, Christy Smith, Debbi Tesch, Cheri Tinker, Rachel Anderson, Paul Cunningham, Jeannie Dickinson, Sandra Allen, Narvarra Carr, Tim Fletcher, Ann Simpson

Absent: Kathy Morgan

General Attendance: Commissioner Randy Johnson, Kevin LoPiccolo, Christine Dunn, Ingrid Carmean, Loni Greninger, Jennifer Pelikan, Lisa Lyons, Cherie Cariou

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. AGENDA

- Majority approved the agenda.

3. MINUTES - Approval from December 7, 2021 meeting

- Majority approved minutes

4. OLD BUSINESS

- **HB 1590:** This is the 1/10 of 1% tax the Commissioners could approve, they could decide to vote and approve automatically. They have until April to get it passed for July collection. Otherwise it will be delayed until 2023. We are looking for more agencies that could encourage the Commissioners to pass this tax.
 - Cheri Tinker made a Motion to support HB 1590 and majority approved.

- **Housing Solution Group Discussion:**

- Commissioner Randy Johnson stated that the Housing Solution group should be formed before April. Would like a representative from each city, members from tribes, PUD, EDC, the Port of Port Angeles, County Commissioner, a Builder from the area to know the current costs and a Real Estate Agent.
- ARPA funds came through and the County, Serenity House and PBH with the down payment for the All View Hotel up on Lauridsen Boulevard. There will be a total of 27 units and a manager with construction starting by July 1st of this year.

- **Membership Bylaw Update:**

- Jenny Oppelt gave an update to the change in 2020 which states 25 positions. So one option would be to remove one position, another option, would be to amend the bylaws to adopt a resolution to add another member, changing the total to 26. If we choose to amend membership to remove a position, we have the ability to change the representation of those who have or are experiencing homelessness to two, and if we did that it would help us to reflect 25 total. Historically we have had one position without increased absences or increased ways to get ahold of them. Discussion followed.
- Cheri Tinker made a motion to amend the bylaws and adopt a new resolution to add additional members (changing the total to 26) Majority approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **Department of Commerce Rapid Rehousing Grant:** Kevin LoPiccolo stated that the department was awarded a grant from the Department of Commerce for \$392,000. It is meant for emergency shelter, rental assistance and case management for those experiencing homelessness. Included are all of the agencies in Clallam County and just wanted to bring it to everyone's attention that we do have funding available and to please reach out if you work with people that are experiencing homelessness, domestic violence etc. This grant runs until June of 2023.
- **Volunteers for Membership Interview Panel:** Jenny Oppelt asked for volunteers for the panel. Mark Hodgson, Becca Korby, Cheri Tinker and John Deboer all volunteered.

6. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- June 7, 2022 next meeting
- Membership bylaw update
- Ann Simpson will do a program
- Have Habitat for Humanity do a program

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cheri Tinker – NORVHN: Hobucket House is a 7 bedroom group home located across from Sarge's Place at 251 Ash Ave. The bulk of the funds came from Washington State Department of Commerce Modular Housing Fund Grant, also some Cares/ARPA from the County money, donations from the community that has gone into this program. They are still finishing the interior and hope to be done by the end of March. Having an open House on April 20th, at 1:00 p.m. Jimmy Hobucket is who this house is named after. He was a Vietnam Vet and Quileute warrior. His family will be at the open house.
- Sharon Maggard – Serenity House: Open House on March 9th, from 3-6 p.m. Expansion has been completed and just waiting on occupancy permit.
- Cheri Tinker – Veterans Stand down: May 5th, Thursday at the Forks Elks Lodge.
- Navarra Carr – City of Port Angeles: Shared that the City is conducting interviews for a Housing Manager. Also the City Council will be discussing short term rentals.
- Jeannie Dickinson – DSHS: Is now open for walk in services from 8-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and in-person interviews from 8-3 p.m.

9. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 3:54pm

Next meeting: June 7, 2022
Virtual
Clallam County BOCC Meeting Room

Members of the Homelessness Task Force

Cheri Tinker, Rebecca Korby, Jeannie Dickinson, Paul Cunningham, John DeBoer, Mark Hodgson, Sandra Allen, Kathy Morgan, Debbi Tesch, Navarra Carr, Rachel Anderson, Tim Fletcher, Jenny Oppelt, Sharon Maggard, Ann Simpson, Christy Smith