



Partnership to End Homelessness
Board
March 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER The quarterly Partnership to End Homelessness Board meeting was held at the Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center, Port Gardner Room B, in Everett, WA on March 13, 2018. The meeting convened at 3:05 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Attick, Janinna	EX	Jones, Cynthia	✓
Banker, Candy	✓	Kohl, Elizabeth	EX
Barrett, Sarah Jayne	✓	Mathison, Rachel	✓
Brell-Vujovic, Mary Jane	✓	McCrary, Rebecca	✓
Boe, Marilyn	AB	Mezaraups, Liga	EX
Dean, Jim	✓	Morrow, Todd	✓
Dillon, Mary Anne	✓	Napeahi, Misty	AB
Foss, Nataya	✓	Richardson, Mark	EX
Grant, Nicole	✓	Smith, Mark	✓
Gordon, Elizabeth	EX	Strand, Jan	✓
Harris-Shears, Emily	✓	Wilder, Tarah	EX
Hart-Anderson, Cammy	✓	Woolery-Toonstra, Wendy	✓
Haslam, Benjamin	EX	Zarn, Julie	AB
Hilty, Vicci	EX		
Horner, Christine	✓		
Hull, John	✓		

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Jackie Anderson, Nicole McMurray, Sam Scoville, Debbi Trosvig, and Stephanie Wong

WELCOME

- Candy Banker introduced two new PEH board members: Christine Horner, representing Organizations which Serve Veterans, and Nicole Grant, representing Mental Health Agencies.
- Introductions were made around the room.
- It was announced that this will be Todd Morrow's last meeting as a PEH board member. Todd is leaving Community Transit. Candy Banker thanked him for his service.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

***ACTION ITEM:** *Todd Morrow made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes as written. Mark Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Candy Banker introduced the Committee Reports to the Board (Handout #1). She explained that this form will be sent ahead of PEH board meetings and asked anyone with comments or questions to contact herself, Sam Scoville, or Jan Strand.

Communication and Engagement – John Hull

- No report.

Data Analysis – Sarah Jayne Barrett

- The Data Analysis Committee met to discuss the criteria for adjusting system performance benchmarks, which was a tabled item at the December PEH Board meeting due to a need for greater clarity. The Data Analysis Committee is in the process of revising the criteria.
- Jess Jorstad provided a presentation to the Data and Analysis Committee on Rapid Re-Housing in Snohomish County. The Data Analysis Committee hopes to work with the Communications and Engagement Committee on community outreach on the merits of Rapid Re-Housing.
- The next meeting of the Data Analysis Committee will be in May.

Discussion:

- John Hull brought up a question regarding the impact of prioritization of the most acute towards housing. His agency is experiencing a rise in the number of days adults are in shelter, and wonders if that has to do with people not being “acute” enough on the scale. John wanted to know if the data committee could look at CoC data and see if there’s a correlation. He presented that there might be benefit of taking a more balanced approach, so that people in the middle aren’t lost.
 - Jackie Anderson commented that most of the funding is prioritized towards the most acute homelessness, and that there is a gap where people don’t fit the criteria. She explained that for permanent supportive housing, the CoC has to focus on the most acute, as per HUD funding requirements.
 - John Hull reflected on the equity summit (see below) and how to reach people of color and people who fall in the middle. Candy Banker commented on this being an ongoing discussion.
 - Mark Smith commented that, on a macro level, when funding is focused on permanent supportive housing, it becomes harder to put funds into other populations.

Legislative Advocacy Committee – Mark Smith

- Mark Smith introduced that the Legislative Advocacy Committee is a new committee, and is co-chaired by himself and Vicci Hilty. The committee is intended to focus on influencing legislative priorities. The goal is to organize ahead of the next legislative session.
- At the first meeting in April, the committee will set the mission and goals, choose the Chair and Vice Chair, and set up processes, with an aim to present ideas at the May PEH Executive Committee meeting, and then present to the full PEH board meeting in June. Mark encouraged anyone who is potentially interested in joining to attend the first meeting. An email will go out to the PEH asking for people to express interest. It was noted that both PEH members and non-members can join committees. Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Nicole Grant, Candy Banker, Sarah Jayne Barrett, and Rachel Mathison expressed interest.
- Mark brought up housing wins on the legislative agenda this year (see legislative update below).

Strategic Planning Committee – Mary Anne Dillon

- Mary Anne Dillon explained that the Strategic Planning Committee has been working with three individuals from Leadership Snohomish County who are developing a presentation that the PEH can use in the community. The hope of the presentation is to educate the community, dispel myths, and gain allies. The plan is to pass the work over to the newly formed Communications and Engagement Committee.
- Sam Scoville presented the first rough draft of the slideshow that will be completed by the end of April. There are 30 slides. The slide show is intended for a broad audience. There was comment that Jess Jorstad will be providing some charts and information, and that the Leadership Snohomish County team is working on making the presentation more image-heavy.
 - Before slideshow is publicly used, the presentation will go to the PEH for requested feedback.
 - John Hull suggested a slide geared towards answering the question: “What questions do you most often get from people in the community?”
 - Candy Banker asked if there would be something about embedded social workers. It was explained that there will be slides addressing partnerships.
 - Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic suggested to take out references to specific programs and instead describe the system.

- There was comment that people ask what the front door to the system is all the time.
- Jim Dean commented that people often want to know who the homeless families are and how they get there.
- There was comment that giving organizations a way to help is a good idea. Mark Smith suggested an organization-specific ask at the end, and that there could be an aspirational element.
- John Hull commented that these slides could be regionalized.
- There was comment that the presentation should keep the statistic on the percentage of homeless being from within Snohomish County.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Candy Banker presented the annual disclosure conflict of interest form. Sam Scoville explained that if you or your agency has a conflict of interest regarding the awarding of funding, you shall recuse yourself from any relevant discussions. Forms can be returned to [Sam Scoville](#).

SOAR Committee – Sam Scoville

- In November 2017, the CoC received an award for SOAR TA. This TA will assist people at risk of homelessness with making SSI/SSDI applications and getting supporting documentation. This program has a high success rate. Because the application for the TA was through the CoC, the PEH must be represented on the SOAR Committee.
 - Sam sent an email out asking for volunteers from the PEH to join.
 - There are two meetings scheduled: April 11, from 10-11:30 will be the planning meeting; Wednesday, May 9, will be an all-day training.
 - Board Members Nicole Grant, and Wendy Woolery-Toonstra, Jim Dean, and Christine Horner expressed interest.

Point in Time Count – Jackie Anderson

- Jackie Anderson presented a few data points from the PIT count that happened at the end of January and noted that the full report will be out this spring. There were 378 un-sheltered, this was a decrease from 2016. From 2013-2018, the trend has gone up and down between 344 and 378 – has remained fairly stable. Jackie explained that looking more deeply, chronic homelessness has increased substantially since 2013. We are seeing more people with higher needs. Jackie explained that the methodology has been fairly similar but there are factors that can affect the count, e.g. weather.

Project Review Committee – Sam Scoville

- Each year there are two committees formed as a part of the CoC's funding application process: the Application Oversight Committee and Project Review Committee. The Project Review Committee forms a group that will review applications for CoC funding. The Project Review Committee had its first meeting on Feb 27th. HUD is expected to release the CoC NOFA soon.

VAWA – Stephanie Wong

- VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Written Standards are a requirement of the 2013 reauthorization of VAWA. HUD has required that the CoC have these requirements in place before releasing funds for 2017.
 - The CoC is required to put out a VAWA emergency transfer plan and comply with other requirements of VAWA. This provides protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking.
 - County staff have met with DVS and the WA State Coalition on Domestic Violence and are incorporating their feedback.
 - Stephanie explained that this affects the CoC funds, ESG and HOME.
- Sam will email the written standards to the PEH for approval by e-vote in 2-4 weeks. **This is required to be in place to receive HUD funding.**

Legislative Updates – Jackie Anderson

- Jackie announced that this was a successful legislative session for housing and human services. Just a few updates of particular importance:
 - HB1570: the \$40 document recording fee was raised to \$62 and will no longer sunset. The portion of State funds that can go back into the private landlord market can now include non-profits.
 - An amendment to the landlord-tenant act went through that makes discrimination based on source of income illegal and creates a course of civil action if someone is discriminated. It was asked when it will go into effect. Jackie was unsure but said usually bills go into effect 90 days later. There was a question about the education on that bill with landlords or tenants. Jackie was not aware of a statewide program that will do that. The landlord mitigation account will be created, which will be funded by increasing the affordable housing document recording fee from \$10-\$13. The landlord mitigation fee will help landlords if damage is done greater than a deposit made.
 - HB20667 affects the Housing Essential Needs (HEN) program. It makes people who go on the age blind disabled cash benefit program potentially eligible for HEN rental assistance. Jackie explained that currently, if someone is determined eligible for ABD cash, they lose their HEN assistance.
 - The capital budget allocated funds for the Housing Trust Fund. A lot of those dollars are going into new housing developments. \$800,000 was budgeted for the County's Diversion Center.

DISCUSSION

Racial Equity Summit – Candy Banker and Jan Strand

- Several members of the PEH attended the SPARC (Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities) Racial Equity Summit February 7-8. Several people from Snohomish County attended with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as part of a regional solution.
- Sam Scoville passed out Handout #2: SPARC Phase One Study Findings.
- There is a disproportionate amount of homelessness for people of color, which is not explained by economic factors. Jan presented some of the domains to look at in our community where people of color are disproportionately affected: economic mobility, housing, the criminal justice system, behavioral health, and family stabilization.
- Several PEH members who attended the summit talked about it being an inspiring two days. They talked about ways that institutional racism was brought to light, and the value of having system-level discussions. There was discussion of how to place an anti-racist lens over a racist system. There was a comment about opportunity to increase diversity in boards and leadership positions.
- There was discussion of what the next steps are for the PEH.
 - Candy Banker asked everyone to take ten minutes to read Handout #2 and come back to the next PEH meeting with reflections.
 - It was proposed that this topic should be a standing agenda item. Several people expressed agreement.
 - There was discussion of forming an equity committee under the PEH. The pros and cons of having a separate committee were discussed. It was presented that an important objective is to infuse this into all of the PEH's work, and that a separate committee could become a silo.
- There was a question about what the County's next steps are. Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic mentioned that Jess Jorstad has done work analyzing who is in Coordinated Entry based on ethnicity. It was suggested to ask Jess to present about this at an upcoming PEH meeting, as well as Alessandra Durham who could discuss the work of the County's Equity and Inclusion Committee.

PEH Approval for FY2017 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Application

- HUD has set a goal to end youth homelessness by 2020. In 2016, HUD offered funding to ten selected communities for innovative ways to end youth homelessness. The SnoCo CoC applied and not win the funding in 2016, but ranked well, and has received TA since then. This year

there is additional funding being awarded to up to 11 communities The CoC is partnering with Cocoon House on the application.

- The CoC needs to vote to submit the application. The application is due April 17.
- There was a question about how much funding is being made available. Sam explained that each selected community would be funded a minimum of \$1 million.
- There was a question about the definition of “youth.” Sam Scoville explained that for purposes of this application, youth are under 25, and that this funding is specifically around unaccompanied youth.

***ACTION ITEM: Rebecca McCrary made a motion to allow the County, on behalf of the CoC, to submit an application on behalf of the CoC for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program. Jim Dean seconded the motion. Motion passed with two abstentions: Rachel Mathison and Mary Jane Brell Vujovic.**

PEH Logo

- Mary Anne Dillon and Sam Scoville presented the logo. There was positive feedback.

***ACTION ITEM: Mary Anne Dillon made a motion to adopt the PEH logo. Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

WRAP UP

- Candy Banker asked for suggested pre-board topics for the June 12 meeting. Mary Anne Dillon suggested showing the third part of the series *Race: Power of an Illusion*, House *We Live In*. It is a 58 minute video about red-lining and racial discrimination in the housing and lending markets. There was comment that the video would need to be paired with local discussion points. There was discussion of extending the pre-board meeting until 3:30, making the PEH board meeting 1.5 hours rather than 2. There was agreement to do work via email ahead of the June meeting in compensation.
- It was announced that the Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County is hosting a conference June 1st, and the film will be playing there as well.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2018, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. The pre-board meeting will be 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at the United Way of Snohomish County.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned @ 4:46 p.m.

Nicole McMurray, Sr. Secretary, Snohomish County Human Services

Date of Approval:

Date Amended:

SPS

4/23/18