

Yakima County Homeless Coalition
General Membership
MEETING MINUTES
September 15th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER The September 15th, 2020 Yakima County Homeless Coalition General Membership came to order at 1:30 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS Members present: Rhonda Hauff, Ava Sanchez, Mike Johnson, Annette Rodriguez, Holly Timmerman, Scott Thielen, Joseph Brusic, Kellie Connaughton, Esther Magasis, Lance Larsen, Brian Ahern, Meredith Bruch, Dave Hanson, Jacqueline Hertel, Lowell Krueger, Phil Ferolito, Luis Garcia, Joan Souders, Mitzi Duenas.

Announcement Kellie announced the passing of Commissioner Norm Childress. Members of YHC shared their experiences with Commissioner Childress, acknowledged the significant loss to the community, and expressed condolences to those who were close to him.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of minutes

Approval of Minutes: July 21st, 2020 YHC Meeting

Action: Joseph Brusic moved to approve the minutes from the July 21st, 2020 YHC Meeting. Mike Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

YHC Update

Commerce Data Presentation: Commerce's data presentation was postponed until November's meeting. Esther mentioned that there is still time to submit questions to ask Commerce for November's presentation.

Questions can be submitted to Esther at: esther.magasis@co.yakima.wa.us

Limited RFP

Esther mentioned Yakima County has reopened the limited RFP. She had previously sent out a link providing RFP application details which can be found on the Yakima County website.

RFP Application information can be found here:

<https://www.yakimacounty.us/2393/Homeless-Housing-and-Assistance-RFP>

Deadline to submit questions about the RFP is Wednesday September 16th, 2020.

Deadline to submit an application for the RFP is Thursday, September 17th, 2020.

ERAP

Esther mentioned the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) information is also posted on the Yakima County website.

ERAP information can be found here: <https://www.yakimacounty.us/2453/For-Tenants-and-Landlords>

Broadband Action Team

The Broadband Action Team is hoping to collect 100,000 speed tests by September 31st, 2020.

Speed test can be found here: <https://connectourvalley.org/>

Rhonda mentioned to take speed test multiple times, throughout the day.

PIT Report

Lance Larsen and Lee Murdock presented information about Point In Time count report. Lance mentioned he received a lot of feedback from PIT reports from previous years. Based on the feedback provided, Yakima County decided to conduct the 2020 PIT count internally relying on community support and the expertise of those who live in the area.

PIT report can be found here: <https://www.yakimacounty.us/2392/Yakima-County-Homelessness-Data>

Lee Murdock gave a shoutout to the Yakima Herald Republic for collecting items that were distributed to the project Homeless Connect.

Data for this year's Point in Time report was confirmed with the Washington State Department of Commerce. Historical PIT data was also confirmed going back several years, and there was an overall HMIS cleanup effort done locally as part of this year's reporting process.

Updates

Esther mentioned N-95 masks had been distributed to shelters and outreach programs to help reduce smoke inhalation for those living outdoors.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 17th, 2020
Online/virtual meeting

Adjourn

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm.