

Yakima County Homeless Coalition  
General Membership  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 25, 2022

**CALL TO  
ORDER  
INTRODUCTIONS**

The January 25, 2022 Yakima County Homeless Coalition General Membership came to order at 3:15p.m.

**YHC General Membership Attendees:**

Commissioner LaDon Linde (Yakima County), Lee Murdock (Homeless Network of Yakima County), Mitch Nickolds (City of Toppenish), Anna McGree (The Space at YNHS), Jami Flick (PNWU), Mike Kay (Grace City Outreach), Erin Barnett (City of Selah), Dave Hanson (Sunrise Outreach), Kellie Connaughton (The Greenway), Annette Rodriguez (YNHS), Charissa Zorza (Consistent Care), David Brown (Yakima County Veterans' Program), Verlynn Best (Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce), Sgt. Fowler (Yakima Police Department), Beth Dannhardt, Estakio Beltran (Yakima Valley Community Foundation), Isidra Sanchez (OIC of Washington), Joan Davenport (City of Yakima), Linda DiLembo (Valley Mall), Lowell Krueger (Yakima Housing Authority), Mary Stephenson (NAMI Yakima), Phil Hoge, Rocky Wallace (City of Selah), Sara Watkins (City of Yakima), Venus Lomeli (Northwest Harvest), Chris Wickenhagen (Yakima Valley Conference of Governments), Lance Hoyt (City of Toppenish), Val Bazard, Sheri Rynd,

**Yakima County Homeless Housing and Assistance Program Staff:**

Ether Magasis, Lance Larsen, Melissa Holm, Ana Arreola, Meg Scott

**Agenda**

*Michael Kay motioned to move forward with the meeting agenda as is. Verlynn Best seconded. Motion Passed.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Meeting Minutes*

*"Michael Kay moved to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021, Yakima County Homeless Coalition General Membership Meeting. LaDon Linde seconded. Motion passed."*

**ESG-CV RFP**

*Awards*

*CE Policy Team*

Consensus of the group was to continue to review and evaluate prioritization tools. Annette is still on the BoS committee and review policy requirements as they are developed.

Next steps in the committee are to bring back ideas for a community developed tool.

Anna McGree updated everyone on the Anchor Community Initiative Project through A Way Home Yakima.

Yakima County was able to achieve real-time quality data from the ACI Resource Hub.

In March, the Yakima County Human Services Department will be hosting a Landlord Listening Session to collect landlord feedback. The goal of the feedback will be to make improvements to the rental assistance programs, thereby creating more housing opportunities for people transitioning out of homelessness – in the

**Anchor  
Community  
Initiative (ACI)**

context of the ACI work, especially youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
***PIT Project Plan*** Point In Time Training will be virtual for outreach workers and for providers as well. Trainings will be February 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

***YHC Leadership & Exec Team Voting*** **Yakima Homeless Coalition Leadership:**  
Chair

Nomination and Vote for Kellie Connaughton as Chair of the YHC

Vice-Chair

Nomination and Vote for Michael Kay as Vice Chair of the YHC.

City of Yakima Representative

Councilmember Brown has been appointed by the City of Yakima.

YVCOG Member Representative

YVCOG failed to appoint a representative before the meeting. Their position remains vacant until an appointment is made.

Individual with Lived Experience of Homelessness

This is a Board-appointed position. Please submit completed YHC Exec Committee applications to [Melissa.Holm@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:Melissa.Holm@co.yakima.wa.us) or [HumanServices@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:HumanServices@co.yakima.wa.us) for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

**Balance Of State Representatives:**

Nomination and Vote for Annette Rodriguez to be on Balance of State Representative Seat One

Nomination and Vote for Lowel Krueger to be Balance of State Representative Seat Two.

***Adjourn***

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm.