

Yakima County Homeless Coalition
General Membership
MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The May 17, 2022 Yakima County Homeless Coalition General Membership came to order at 1:30p.m.

In Person – Attendance
(Conference Room 1A)

Mike Kay (Grace City Outreach), Suzi Carpino (Camp Hope) Dave Hanson (Sunrise Outreach), Joan Davenport (City of Yakima) Joseph Brusic (Prosecuting Attorney), Matt Brown (City Council), Joan Davenport (City of Yakima) Kellie Connaughton (Yakima Greenway), Charissa Zorza (missing 5)

Zoom Attendance:

Lee Murdock (Homeless Network of Yakima County), Annette Rodriguez (YNHS), Dave Helseth (Justice Housing Project), Javier Vela, Manuela Spencer, Britney Brumsey, Jami Flick, Linda DiLembo Meredith Bruch Verlynn Best (Yakima Chamber) Mary Stephenson (NAMI Yakima), (2 missing)

Yakima County Human Services Leadership and Staff:

Meg Scott, Melissa Holm, - In Person Ana Arreola, Zoom Attendance

Meeting Minutes:

Mike Kay moved to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 Yakima County Homeless Coalition General Membership Meeting. Joseph Brusic seconded the motion Motion passed by those in attendance.

Melissa presented an overview of the ESG-CV awards to various originations. During this time, it was hard for the online participates to view the presentation as the data speed was not enough and the zoom call dropped four times. Melissa informed the membership that detailed information would be published on the Yakima County Website and emailed to the YHC General Membership list

Breakdown of project categories are as follows:

- Street Outreach \$445,455.00
- Day Shelter \$760,920.00
- Overnight Shelter \$330,289.00
- Landlord Incentive/RRH \$141,369.00
- Emergency Weather Shelter \$34,300.00

Hotel/Motel Assistance Program

Over the last month questions and concerns have been raised by various community members and providers over the execution of hotel/motel programs within the county. GCO/Noah Ark/Consistent care/Sunrise Outreach all shared concerns regarding how do we prioritize our medical vouchers for health issues, high risk, frequency of use, and community program to program communication? Kelly informed the group that the purpose of this discussion was to voice concerns and find next steps to work towards solutions.

Meeting discussion led to the following questions that could use further review.

- **Medical respite care is a big need and availability/access is needed.**
- **Is there a reporting process or accountability of the hotel?**
- **How do we prioritize our medical vouchers for those with health issues, Behavioral health needs and high-risk clients?** **High risk was not clearly defined in the meeting.*
- **How do we address this in the upcoming 5-year strategic planning session?**

A recommendation was proposed for a small group to come together to work on increasing communication strategies and medical respite access. This proposal was well received by the group and various members offered to join in support.

County advisement is that YHC identified group work be directed to the CE policy team. The purpose of that established committee is to discuss how the homeless emergency response system functions as a whole. What are the concerns and the needs in the community, what are the potential ways in which providers can partner to strengthen our system? Additional details regarding CE and the Yakima County CE Guidelines can be found on our [website](#).

***HHAP 2022-2024
RFP***

Melissa reported that the HHAP RFP has closed and the scoring committee has until the end of May to complete reviews.

***Strategic
Planning- 5-year
plan development***

Reminder to please read both the 5-year strategic plan and the 2022 annual update that was the work of the jointly staffed YHC/Network data Committee. Committee members will be invited to join strategic planning session for the new 5-year plan development starting at the end of 2023. Timeline TBD.

***Good Of the
Order:***

Technology issues made for limited engagement from the online participants. Yakima County Human Services will work to improve the online environment for participation.

Next Meeting

July 19, 2022

Adjourn

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.