

Yakima County Homeless Coalition
MEETING MINUTES
March 17th, 2020

- CALL TO ORDER** The March 17th, 2020 came to order at 1:30 p.m.
- INTRODUCTIONS** Members present: Mike Johnson, Dave Hanson, Mike Leita, Rip Hollingbery, Lance Larsen, Rhonda Hauff, Josh Jackson, Beth Dannhardt, Jeanna Hernandez, Lee Murdock, Kellie Connaughton, Esther Magasis, Alex Hajirhoff, Annette Rodriguez, Cheri Kilty, David Hacker, Deb Sterwing, Jaqueline Herld, Sonya Lord, Scott Thielen, Steven Hayes, Tom Gaulke, Vicki Baker, Daniel Helseth, Craig Warner, Rich Fowler, Theresa Carlson.
- OLD BUSINESS** Approval of Minutes: January 21st, 2020 YHC Meeting
Approval of minutes **Action: Esther Magasis moved to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2019 YHC Meeting. Sonya seconded. The motion carried.**
- YHC Exec Update* The Executive Committee discussed goals for 2020.
- NEW BUSINESS** Kellie: Inviting staff from Commerce to present data profiles.
Mike Johnson: Address the interest on civic sector, business sector and church sector.
Address the experience of how homeless affect the environment, example; city clean up, was a success in on or two of the groups sectors but not all three sectors.
Comments about model: email to Esther.
Esther: Provided information of what resources for homeless have been or are provided to them. All the practices recommended not really apply to the homeless since they are less likely to receive medical attention.
Question: Whether or not the Astria building can be used for an emergency care?
Barries: Site is subject to bankruptcy.
Question: Why homeless population have the highest risk for COVID-19?
Esther: Congregate settings, limited ability to follow public advice, homeless do not have the same resources.
- Rhonda: People go to the hospital without medical emergency. YNHS is diverging people from ERS for non-emergency.
Mike Jhonson: UAM has separate dining room for family and transitional hours programs. Keeping general adult shelter population separate whenever possible. Pre-isolating folks with high risk profiles. Setting up a quarantine shelter for people who are symptomatic. Virginia Mason is providing N95 masks. Volunteers have stopped coming and reassigning people from departments.
Kellie: If you have an opportunity with extra stuff that you can field out, contact Esther or Kellie.
Dave Hanson: Those in high level of concern are being segregated from staff. Includes both care workers. Doing video chat case management moving forward. Volunteers dropping off food. Camp Hope has two family tents that could be available for isolation.
Josh: 80% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck, concerned about falling into homeless system.
Kellie: The greenway open space area available. Some organizations have held “social distancing” staff meeting out in the sun. Staff is constantly sanitizing, hand wipes are available thanks to YNHS.

Point in Time Count

Elections

Action

*5-Year Plan/YCCC
Update*

Esther: The 5-year Plan was approved by the Board.

*Competitive Process
Scoring Committee
(CPSC)*

*Next Steps for YHC
2020
Next Meeting*

May, 2020

Adjourn

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.