

Yakima County Homeless Coalition
General Membership
MEETING MINUTES
January 19th, 2021

- CALL TO ORDER** The January 19, 2021 Yakima County Homeless Coalition General Membership came to order at 1:30 pm.
- INTRODUCTIONS** Members present: Alan Harris, Annette Rodriguez, Ava Sanchez, Dainen Penta, Dave Hanson, David Brown, Jeanna Hernandez, Joan Davenport, Kellie Connaughton, Kylie Curtis, Leslie / Spencer Hatton, Mike Kay, Rhonda Hauff, Sara Watkins, Suzi Carpino, Tabitha Rowe, Tom Gaulke, Tyler Shepard, Soneya Lund, Joan Sauders, Brian Ahern, Scott Thielen, Mary Stephenson, Amanda Delp, Charissa Zorza, Steven Hayes, Paula Barraza, Mitzi Duenas
- OLD BUSINESS**
Approval of minutes Approval of Minutes: November 17, 2020 YHC Meeting
Rhonda Hauff moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020 General Membership Meeting. Sheri Rynd seconded. Motion passed.
- NEW BUSINESS**
ERAP Moratorium on Evictions, Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Esther presented the new update on Moratorium on Evictions, which has been extended until March 31st, 2021.
For more information on the moratorium and COVID related rental assistance visit:
<https://www.yakimacounty.us/2453/For-Tenants-and-Landlords>
Rental assistance may currently be spent out, but additional funds are expected to be rolled out, and will be updated at the link above.
- 5-Year Plan Update* Master plan will be reviewed and updated in 2021.
The 2019 version of the 5-Year Plan was based on a pre-existing plan that was set to expire in 2021. Because the 2019 5-Year Plan is now in place through 2024, the plan contains a goal to revisit and update in 2021.
For more information on the 5-year plan visit:
<https://www.yakimacounty.us/2391/Yakima-County-Homeless-Coalition>
At the next YHC Exec meeting on February 16th, 2021 there will be a conversation on how to move forward with the updates on the 5-year plan.
Esther Magasis will create a survey prior the next meeting on March 16th, 2021 to collect feedback for the 5-year plan.
YHC Members: Members can email the Department of Human Services at HumanServices@co.yakima.wa.us on or before March 5th, 2021 with any additional items or feedback pertaining to the 5-Year Plan update to include on the next agenda.
- PIT* Due to COVID-19 Project Homeless connect will not be conducted as part of the 2021 PIT Count.
PIT Outreach teams: PIT Supplies will be ready for pick up at the Yakima County Human Services Office, located at 128 N. 2nd Street Room 102, on Monday January 25th, 2021.
Shelter Count and Street Count are the only two items that will be done for the PIT this year. Street Count will be conducted only by trained outreach staff, and outreach teams will have a full week (Monday, January 25th, through Friday, January 29th). The shelter count will still be conducted on just one night (Thursday, January 28th).

Elections

Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair, YHC General Membership Representative.
Still a vacant exec position for individual with lived experience of homelessness.
Votes will be limited to one vote per agency, as established in the precedent set at last year's meeting.

Rhonda Hauff nominated Annette Rodriguez for the YHC General Membership Representative, Soneya Lund seconded. Annette Rodriguez accepted the nomination. With no other nominations, Annette Rodriguez accepted the YHC General Membership Representative position.

Rhonda Hauff nominated Kellie Connaughton for Chair; Lee Murdock seconded. Kellie accepted the nomination. With no other nominations, Kellie Connaughton accepted the Chair position.

Sheri Rynd nominated Mike Kay for Vice-Chair, Dave Hanson seconded. Mike Kay accepted nomination for vice-chair. Soneya Lund nominated Brian Ahern for Vice-Chair, Spencer Hatton seconded. Brian Ahern declined the nomination. With no other nominations, Mike Kay accepted the Vice-Chair position.

Rhonda Hauff noted that both BoS representative positions also had to be re-elected at this meeting.

Rhonda Hauff nominated herself for the first BoS representative position, Joan Davenport and Mike Kay seconded. With no other nominations, Rhonda Hauff accepted the BoS representative position.

Joan Davenport nominated Esther Magasis for the second BoS representative position. Kellie Connaughton seconded. Esther Magasis accepted nomination. With no other nominations, Esther Magasis accepted the BoS representative position.

Discussion was held regarding the updating of the Charter, or an establishment of a set of by-laws to guide the YHC – many of the voting procedures and rules are not clearly defined. The conversation was noted, and tabled for a future meeting.

Other

The BOCC appoints the positions for the YHC Exec Team position of Individual with Lived Experience of Homelessness. Esther requested nominations for this position, since the previous individual who had filled the role stepped away due to personal reasons last year, and the position has remained unfilled.

Esther Magasis: Esther will re-send the application to members.

YHC Members: Members should email the Department of Human Services at HumanServices@co.yakima.wa.us to submit applications for the vacant position.

Next Meeting

March 16th, 2021.
Online

Adjourn

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.