



1 **YAKIMA COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM BOARD MEETING**

2 **MEETING SUMMARY**

3 **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 – 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

4 *Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams*

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6 **MEETING MATERIALS:** Meeting Agenda, February 23, 2021, HOME Consortium Board Meeting
7 Draft Summary and Schedule of Dates.

8 **I. Call to Order:** This meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Esther Magasis, Director of
9 Human Services (Facilitator).

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11 **A. Roll Call**

Member Jurisdiction	Representative	Present	Absent
City of Grandview	Gloria Mendoza, Mayor	✓	
Town of Harrah	Barbara Harrer, Mayor		✓
City of Mabton	Laura Vasquez, Mayor		✓
City of Sunnyside	Francisco Guerrero, Mayor	✓	
City of Toppenish	Lance Hoyt, City Manager	✓	
City of Union Gap	Arlene Fisher, City Manager		✓
City of Wapato	Kim Grimm, City Clerk		✓
City of Zillah	Janice Gonzales, Council member	✓	
Yakima County	Commissioner Amanda McKinney	✓	

Yakima County Staff Present: Esther Magasis, Director of Human Services; Lisa Freund, Director of Public Services; Brian Hedengren, Senior Program Analyst; Lee Murdock, Director of the Homeless Network of Yakima County; Karri Espinoza, Office Coordinator.

12 **B. Introductions:** Brian Hedengren introduced himself, he was born and raised in
13 Richland Washington. He comes to Yakima County with an undergraduate degree in
14 Economics from Brigham Young University and a Master in Public Administration
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II. New Business:

A. HOME Program Updates:

- The 2019 Consolidated Action Plan Evaluation Report (CAPER) is out for public comment. The report identifies the progress made to the consolidated plan as well as the annual action plan. The report can be found on the Yakima County Public Services website (<https://www.yakimacounty.us/1423/HOME-Consortium>). The comment period ends on March 30, 2021, at which time a public hearing will be held. After the hearing comments will be added to the report, and delivered to Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

B. Schedule of Dates:

- The Schedule of Dates document provides a timeline of HOME Consortium tasks that need to be accomplished in 2021. A link to the document will be sent out to the Board for review and future updates will be posted to the same location.
- City of Zillah Councilwoman Janice Gonzales, who also serves on the Executive Board of the Yakima Valley Conference of Governors (YVCOG), raised a question as to whether the HOME Program would be moved to YVCOG in the future? She expressed her opposition to the matter that has been presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and is being considered by all parties. However, at this point, the BOCC and HOME Program staff are moving forward with the transition of the HOME Program from Yakima County Public Services to Yakima County Human Services on July 1, 2021. Commissioner Amanda McKinney welcomes any questions regarding this matter via phone, email, or in person.

C. Intent to participate in Consortium:

- All Consortium members will be contacted regarding an intent to participate in the HOME Consortium. It will be an opt-out rather than an opt-in opportunity. A passive response will be an indication you plan to continue participating in the

50 Consortium. You are welcome to contact the County and opt-out but the hope is
51 that everyone will continue to participate.

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53 **D. Technical Advisory Committee:**

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55 • If your jurisdiction does not have a person identified to participate on TAC,
56 please be thinking about who would best fit this role. It would be ideal to
57 have a person from each jurisdiction participate but if you do not have
58 someone please do not keep that from holding you back from participating in
59 the Consortium. We invite your feedback and experience. TAC meetings are
60 typically an hour long and are held a week before the HOME Consortium
61 Board meetings.

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63 • The Board voted to finalize the decision that the TAC meetings will be held
64 on the third Tuesday of each month. A meeting request will be sent soon by
65 County Staff.

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67 ❖ Janice Gonzales – motioned to move

68 ❖ Gloria Mendoza – seconded the motion

69 ❖ Motion was carried

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71 **E. Conditional Awards:** The following projects have been rescinded. The decisions
72 were made mutually between Yakima County and the entities involved.

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74 • **Spokane Ventures:** Has decided to withdraw their request for funds due to
75 the NEPA and underwriting requirements.

76 • **Catholic Charities:** Has been encouraged to reapply for funding after the
77 transition of the HOME Consortium to Human Services.

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79 **III. Old Business:**

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81 **A. Approve February 23, 2021, Meeting Summary as presented:**

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83 ❖ Amanda McKinney – moved to approve

84 ❖ Francisco Guerrero – seconded the motion

85 ❖ Motion was carried

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87 **IV. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:05 PM.

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89 **V. Next Meeting: April 27, 2021, at 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

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91 **VI. Meeting Summary approved by the HOME Board on April 27, 2021.**