

Continuum of Care Board

June 24, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:34 PM.

Attendance

- **Board Members Present:** Pam Tietz, Edie Rice-Sauer, Sally Pritchard, Jennifer Haynes, Mark Mattke, Teresa Michielli, Angela Chapman, Shannon Boniface, Robert Lippman, Tim Crowley, Braden Fish, Dale Briese; Bob Lutz, David Singley
- **Staff Present:** Kelly Burnett, att Davis, David Lewis, Scott Rasmussen, Cecily Ferguson; Tija Danzig, Tim Sigler, Heather Newell, Kirstin Davis
- **Guests Present:**, Kim McCollim, Joe Ader, Chris Fortune, Morgan Kuoudelka, Pamela Haley

COVID-19 Update:

Dr. Lutz provided the board with the following update regarding COVID-19 in the area. Before Memorial Day there were about 400 cases now there are about 600-700 cases since the holiday. There is a 30% spread and unable to link back to a specific person. If everyone were to wear their masks and were to continue with their social distancing at six feet apart, it may still take six weeks for us to start to see it flatten again. It looks like we will continue to stay in phase 2 for some more time. We are happy to announce that we have not seen an increase in the homeless population. It was asked if the shelters had adequate PPE in the shelter.

City of Spokane Report

City of Spokane Staff member Tim Sigler provided the following information.

- **Proposed Ordinance** - This has been deferred till 7/13/2020. Council would like to hear every ones thoughts and comments about this. They have received the letters that both boards have submitted on this and feel that both boards need to be included on this. Council is still asking for more input from. It was asked if the Board is going to respond again, if the board chooses to respond it will need to happen shortly as Pam will be out starting Monday for the next 2 weeks. There were thoughts that there needed to be some work done with the ordinance before it could be passed. The Homeless Coalition asked if it would be possible for them to provide feedback on their own or if they needed to go through the board? The coalition was advised that they can send in feedback on their own. It was mentioned that others need to request a study session, Pam has made the request already and still has yet to hear back. Another question was raised on how do we take action if there are no dollars to support this? It was encouraged that everyone respond to council and see if a study session can't be obtained.
- **PIT Count Data** - City Staff Member Tija Danzig states that the City is eager to give everyone the information, but would like to align this with when the state releases their information which should happen on July 7th. We would like to the CoC Board to have this information before it goes live. CHHS is planning on

presenting this information to the Mayor and Council and then it will go out to the boards.

- It was mentioned that there were some changes being made to Coordinated Entry and that this was due to the COVID Response.
- Shelter Update - City Staff member Scott Rasmussen; Operations are going well. Those around the arena have asked for neighborhood weekly meetings and as of the moment there have been no concerns or complaints raised. There was a positive COVID case that at the arena on 6.10.2020. Everyone was notified right away and the individual was moved to an isolated area. With this there were some lessons that were learned from this. Robert Lippman mentioned that Community Workers are trying to have trouble getting ahold with anyone at the arena. Was wondering what the Capacity for the Arena shelter is, it can provide services for 105 people, but they have not been at capacity. The number for the on duty Manager will be provided.
- The group was updated that the City is still looking for a continuous stay shelter, and that they are currently looking into doing a lease to purchase option.
- An RFP went out for TBRA and it recently closed. The CHHS Executive Board got together and discussed the applications that were received and they were able to select an operator for this. Spokane Workforce Council was selected to run the TBRA program. There was a brief discussion on how this information was going to get sent out to other providers.

City of Spokane Valley Updates:

Morgan from the Valley mentioned that there is nothing new to report at this time.

Spokane County Updates: Allocation of home dollars - 1 Million, 9% tax credit pilot program and the finance commission is waiting to see what happens.

Introduction of City of Spokane Communications Manager: Staff Member Danzig introduced the City Communications Manager Kirstin Davis, she started with the City just before grocery outlet.

After looking over the CoC's plan and noted that this is a great foundation and can be used to build off of. It was suggested that we bring a small group together that can spend some time with Kirsten and come up with some ideas on how they want the communication to look like. Once they have the plan together it can be submitted to the executive committee for review. This plan could be like a road map, include public education and being able to be the same for everyone. We are going to be looking for some volunteers and feel that it is important that there be a person with lived experience on the committee. A guideline will need to be completed along with a list of what that needs to be accomplished.

CoC Decision making tool: Subcommittees agreed that they will run their ideas through the other committees before it is brought to the executive committee for review and approval. Pam to send out the draft of the process and the memo, this process will run

for a while and then we see if everything is working or if tweaks need to be made to the process and memo.

Department of Commerce Funding:

There is a funding opportunity for our jurisdiction from the Department of Commerce. City Staff Member Matt Davis provided information on this. An RFP was released and there is 40 million, and it is only available for local governments to apply. Spokane is available to apply for 2.7 million, there is an option that if we were to apply jointly then we could get the full amount, if the City were to apply separately they would only be able to receive 1 million dollars. Reimbursement rate is 56%; if we do not create new beds within three (3) years then we do not get the full amount. Funds will start 8/1/2020, all beds need to be operational by December 2020. We need to come together with a joint application, this needs to be in by 7.17.2020 which is before our next meeting.

Coordinated Entry piece of this - if there were to have a young adult shelter, will help make accessing and the coordinated Entry system much easier. The likelihood of getting them into other housing would be a lot greater.

A question came up asking if this funding was only for young adults and since shelters weren't adequately funded in the last round, should we be putting the funds towards that.

Operations up to 10K in capital for startup and bed creations. Projected out to June 202, 100% of the beds need to be available by November we could get 51 beds could be fully funded by those dollars. Office of homeless youth will be putting out another RFP next summer and can help with funding this new shelter. New funds in this procurement but it could help keep this funded. It was brought up that they feel that the application could be stronger with the CoC input.

Motion to provide a letter of support moved by CoC Board Member Edie Rice-Sauer and Seconded by Sally Stopher.

Pam will write the support letter when she returns from Alaska. Maybe we can have the youth advisor board can provide support as well.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

The next CoC Board Meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2020.