

**St Vincent de Paul Transitional Housing**  
**1428 N 1<sup>st</sup> St**

**Minutes for March 7, 2014 Sub-Committee Meeting**

In attendance: John Bruning, Eula Hickam, Bob Runkle, Shauna Harshmann, Ken Gilbert, Kelly Lunceford, Keri Stark, Mike Nash, Sherry Brown, James Curb, Matt Hutchinson, Bob Driscoll, Ami Manning

Between the Region 1 Coalition and the City 10-year plan what priorities overlap? Are there obstacles to merging?

Concerns expressed:

- Losing participation of outlying areas such as Sandpoint and the Silver Valley because of current meeting time and location. Suggestion to rotate meeting location on quarterly basis to better facilitate those regions' participants
- Maintain city participation

The survey results detailing proposed priorities of the Region 1 sub-committee include: focus on public education, community awareness, policy development, advocacy, increase in affordable housing (and need to differentiate between affordable and low-income housing), proceed with continuum of care, develop a formal Housing Inventory

Regarding Housing Inventory:

- Data needed: county-wide statistics of evictions and correlation of evictions and criminal background (esp. felonies)
- Housing for those with felonies, esp. sexual offenses
- Issue is not solely shortage of housing units but also of landlords willing to house those most in need of housing
  - Problem of slumlord-controlled housing
- What incentives do landlords have for housing felons and assuming associated risk?
  - Housing First programs such as Angel Arms and Angel Arms for Families pays rent, provides ongoing case management, and include regular inspections to help prevent property degradation
  - Integration funds?
  - Tax breaks?
- Compilation of Section 8 and Section 42 properties and property managers willing to accept vouchers

Subcommittees created to address priorities and move Coalition forward, in logical order of operations:

1. Review by-laws—Bob Runkle, Bob Driscoll, Ken Gilbert, Keri Stark (will be point of contact for this committee)
2. Review continuum of care—Eula Hickam, Cindy Wood, Ami Manning (point of contact for this committee), Matt Hutchinson, Shauna Harshmann
  - a. The above committees have a 90-day max deadline for completing priorities; their work will form the foundation and action plan of the merged Coalition/EKCHO

3. Education/PR/Outreach—Keri Stark, Ami Manning, Mike Nash, Shauna Harshmann, John Bruning, Eula Hickam, Ken Gilbert
  - a. This subcommittee will be ongoing, and will include creating presentations for diverse target audiences such as city council, service providers, and the general public
  - b. By virtue, all Coalition participants are informally part of this subcommittee

September 6, 2014 is the Convoy of Hope at Kootenai Co. Fairgrounds—humanitarian relief initiative; Coalition strongly urged to have presence

At next week's meeting the subcommittees will meet separately to begin focused tasks outlined above

**Next meeting:  
Friday, March 14, 2014  
7:30 AM  
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