



Partnering the five northern counties of Idaho to create a community where homelessness is a rarity or at an end.

**R1HC General Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 16, 2014 @ 12:00PM
SVDP HELP Center
Minutes**

In Attendance: Cindy Wood, Gina Graham, Shelly Zollman, Mark Tucker, John Bruning, Corinne Johnson, Robert Runkle, Mike Nash, Julie Welker, Keri Stark

WELCOME Cindy Wood

Open Meeting and approve August minutes: Cindy Wood

No general meeting in August

Ami Manning resigned as chair, appointed Spokane homelessness & housing liaison

Motion to appoint John Bruning as interim co-chair: Cindy Wood
Motion passed unanimously among voting members, 2 abstainers.

Strategic Planning results and action steps Cindy Wood

- Planning/organizational structure: Ken Gilbert, Bob Driscoll, Gina Graham, Mark Tucker
 - Develop unified message
 - Regional participation
 - Homeless representative
 - PIT, COC, resource directory
 - Quarterly area meetings—who will coordinate?
 - Travel to other counties
- Education/communication: Keri Stark, Shelly Zollman, Eula Hickam, Bob Driscoll, Gina Graham
 - Awareness, build community support
 - Articles to CDA Press, internal newsletter
 - Unify definitions & statistics from other groups
 - Gina Graham has survey from Bonner Co. homelessness
 - List municipalities together
 - Long-term: county-wide HMIS?
 - Expensive, training, privacy compromise
 - How do we get a grant to pay for this?
- Advocacy: John Bruning, Cindy Wood, Keri Stark, Bob Runkle, Mike Nash, Corinne
 - Municipal representation/outreach
 - Legislative influence
 - Sample letter?
 - Improve services e.g. crisis center, more beds

- Mental health board/DHW work with coalition to lobby for crisis center (talk to **John Mitchell @ MHC**)
- Legislature meeting soon—we need to get legislators working for us
 - Who do we need to call/meet with?
 - New police chief; Steve Childers?

Affordable Housing updates

Cindy Wood

- Trinity: meeting with USDA to purchase house in Hayden; potential in Shoshone County
 - Wait list 10+
- SVDP: full
 - Break ground on dining hall expansion soon
 - Warming center at Fresh Start, also secondary center either CDA or PF
- Ignite Hope restarting?
- Family Promise: 40+ calls per month; do have some Salvation Army vouchers for eviction/utility

Agency Updates 12:30 - 1:00

- Police substation opened on 15th/Sherman; number of complaints re: Fresh Start dropped significantly
 - Work with Citylink to move 12th/Sherman bus stop?
- Transitions in Progress: seeing increase in older, single women in crisis/emergency situations
- DHW: Recovery Idaho getting off the ground; Corinne will circulate information
- North Idaho Family Group: improving area-wide resource directory online based on needs
- United Way: Day of Caring Sept. 18
- SVDP: upcoming homelessness awareness month (Nov.) events

Good of the order:

- To become working coalition: break into subcommittees during each meeting rather than forming meetings around presentations (for now)

Adjourn Meeting 1:00

**Next meeting:
October 21, 2014 12:00-1:00 PM
Health and Welfare**