



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

**R1HC General Meeting
Tuesday Oct. 21, 2014 @ 12:00PM
1120 Ironwood
Minutes**

In Attendance: Keri Stark, Bob Driscoll, Ken Gilbert, Mike Nash, Julie Welker, Gina Graham, Two Feathers, Justine McAllister, Brenda Hamilton, James Curb, Jeff Conroy

WELCOME

Cindy Wood

Open Meeting and approve September minutes:

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Motion to approve minutes: Bob Driscoll

Second: Mike Nash

Motion passed unanimously to approve September minutes

Heritage Health updates:

Justine McAllister & Two Feathers

- Homeless Outreach
 - Resource referral: housing, substance abuse, clothing, other basic needs
 - Mobile medical clinic
 - On-site service and referrals to other Heritage services i.e. dental, behavioral health, substance abuse
 - Counseling referrals available to homeless clients
 - Health as main focus for clients
 - Emphasis on preventative → reduce emergency medical services
 - Fewer referrals to ER (drop to 40% of clients)
 - Do not have funding to house clients, can only give referrals
 - Do not have disposable cash, i.e. no bus tickets, gas vouchers, food
 - Have some basic supplies from donations (i.e. camping gear); depend on collaboration with other agencies
 - Two Feathers: peer specialist and recovery coach
- Contact information:
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Urban encampment behind Target getting displaced Oct. 29—

- Alternate encampment locations?

Housing Crisis Survey

Gina Graham (Transitions in Progress, Bonner Co.)

- Proposed alternative for area homeless data
 - Standardized definition for multiple agencies
 - Monthly reporting
- Some findings in Bonner County:
 - Relatively high rates of single women (roughly age 40-60)
 - Most who took survey (i.e. sought services) owned car

- Gaps:
 - Services for single females
 - Affordable housing (cost of housing vs. wages in tourist economy)
- Ability to produce county-specific data (as opposed to PIT= regional), better include other counties in R1HC
- See attached survey

Working Subcommittees Cindy Wood

- Planning/organizational structure: Ken Gilbert, Bob Driscoll, Mark Tucker, James Curb, Katie Coker
- Education/communication: Keri Stark, Shelly Zollman, Eula Hickam, Bob Driscoll, Gina Graham
- Advocacy: John Bruning, Cindy Wood, Keri Stark, Bob Runkle, Mike Nash, Corinne Johnson

Affordable Housing updates/Agency Updates

Good of the order:

Adjourn Meeting 1:00

**Next meeting:
November 18, 2014 12:00-1:00 PM
Health and Welfare**