



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

R1HC General Meeting
Tuesday Nov. 18, 2014 @ 12:00PM
1120 Ironwood
Minutes

In Attendance: Keri Stark, Ken Gilbert, Gar Mickelson, Sarah Bjorn, Cindy Wood, Shelly Zollman, Mark Tucker, Robert Runkle, Katie Coker, Gina Graham, James Curb, Bob Driscoll, Brenda Hamilton, Michelle Porter, Two Feathers, Justine McAllister, TJ Byrne, Bing VanDyke

WELCOME

Cindy Wood

Open Meeting and approve October minutes:

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Motion to approve minutes: Bob Driscoll
Second: Ken Gilbert
Motion passed

Homeless Awareness

- Nov.15-Nov. 23
- SVdP: Souport 11/20
- FPNI: Toni & Guy Haircuts→ \$1 to FPNI
- TIPS: Food drive @ Yokes
 - Photo poster project; newspaper article; board members into community
- R1HC→ missed opportunity...collaborate/prepare in advance next year

Agency updates

- TIPS: reduction in numbers of homeless per Pend Oreille School District count
- 1-1-6: Participation of area churches to shelter homeless
 - Churches seeking program/script, would rather write check instead of sheltering
 - Collaborative speaking group to visit churches & detail options, answer questions
 - Initiate in spring so established by winter
 - Other options:
 - Help with supporting cost of sheltering (if not able to shelter)
 - Volunteer
 - With trailers, been able to house 4 people
 - \$20k/year/homeless individual cost to county & state
- 2nd St. Commons: meet with other agencies/city reps/etc 11/21/14 @ 1:00 to discuss ways to engage community/solutions to short-term issues
- FPNI: graduated family, interviewing for opening
- North Idaho Family Group: collecting editorial for winter issue (healthy families/lifelong learning subject matter)
- United Way: annual campaign; Ready for Kindergarten program→pilot in summer, launching this school year

- Qualfon: want to hire 1000 more entry-level positions; sensitive to people in transition, have shower/food pantry on campus to support under-resourced staff; restrictions based on background checks
 - Contact Mark Tucker to connect with Qualfon HR
- TGH: 100% full, 10+ waiting list
- NIVPC: 100% full; revising rules to shelter to better serve victims of crime
- Heritage: hopefully expand outreach (Dec/Jan) to 4 days/week and serve non-chronically homeless, impoverished families
 - Fixed destinations to encounter people?
 - Two Feathers: working with severely mentally ill individual, don't know what to do....ideas?
- Ignite Hope: potentially try to re-ignite IH 501c3; Hayden warming center? Permanent shelter?
- TIPS: full
- SD 271: Lakesgiving at Lakes middle school → food, clothing freebies, partnering with neighborhood churches in order to develop alliances
 - How to get more people involved (including recipients of freebies) in providing Xmas for those in need?
- DHW: restrictions on spending=frustration, need far exceeds resources; many in substandard (no power, no water) housing
- NIC HeadStart: 25% of caseload=homeless; Fall Festival 11/20, 5-7 pm
- DAC: Idaho Home Choice → transition from hospital/nursing home for 90 days, DAC pays 1st month rent/deposit, furnishings, utilities; must be Medicaid eligible
 - Work with Bonners Ferry, desperate for services, esp. payee & mental health services
- PIT 2015: will be circulating week of Jan. 22, count from Jan. 28-Feb. 2; materials picked up Feb. 3,4,5
 - Need: SVdP, Heritage, 2nd St Commons, UGM, Shepherd's Table, Kootenai Health, Cherished Ones, food banks & meal sites
 - Anyone have good contact for Clark Fork & Hope? Bonners Ferry?
 - Contact Matt Hutchinson 208-664-3095 ext. 306

Working Subcommittees

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

Good of the order:

Adjourn Meeting 1:00

**Next meeting:
December 16, 2014 @ 12:00-1:00 PM
Health and Welfare**