



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

R1HC General Meeting
Tuesday Jan. 20, 2015 @ 12:00PM
1428 N. 1st St
Minutes

In Attendance: Cindy Wood, Mike Nash, Julie Welker, Keri Stark, Mark Tucker, Shelly Zollman, Sarah Bjorn, Ken Gilbert, John Bruning, Matt Hutchinson, Robert Runkle, James Curb, Jodi Osinski, LouRinda Buttrey

WELCOME

Cindy Wood

Open Meeting and approve December minutes:

Cindy Wood

Motion to approve minutes: Ken Gilbert
Second: Mark Tucker
Motion passed

Crisis Center

Caryl Johnston, Northwest Hospital Alliance

- Contact: 208-625-4138/208-699-7335, cjohnston@kh.org
- Where are the resources? Who will manage?
- Request for Information; justification based on senate bill and part of state's approach to how behavioral health care is delivered
 - Lack of effective health crisis response system, providing enough community-based treatment, recovery support services, and sufficient qualified workforce
- Crisis defined: first 24 hours following a crisis to reduce risks associated with crisis
- Leaders in community involved: Claudia Miewald, Laura Weyland, Holly Morgenstean, Barry Black, law enforcement, Jai Nelson, but will require partnership of whole community
- What was proposed? Required to answer with a timeline
 - \$1.5m; sustainability a concern
 - Timeline: how long would it take to stand a facility?
 - Kootenai Health has building currently leased to DHW behavioral health, room in building for crisis center; prime location because close to ER and other community services that potential client would need to be referred to
 - Current situation: law enforcement picks up person (in mental health or substance crisis), options are ER (officer must sit with person=cost) or jail
 - Opportunity cost= officer not able to fulfill duties in field
 - ER not designed to be crisis hold, impact on care of other patients and cost
- How to staff center?
 - Partner w/Kootenai Health, Heritage, DHW
 - Sustainability and qualifications
- State looking for collaborations with existing community resources and measurable outcomes
 - Model: center in Billings, MT

- Kootenai County received highest score re: need for center but key legislators in the county voted against the measure—that is what we are up against
- Proposal estimated crisis center would be running Dec. 2014, including construction modifications and staff training=efficient timeline, prepared for implementation
- Center would be **voluntary hold**
 - Emergency, but include case management and referral
- How can we help?
 - Ross Edmunds-DHW Region 1 coordinator; plans to take center proposal to legislator but expects grim outcome
 - Thinks end of February good time to write letters
 - Need coordinated effort and strategy
 - Approach legislators and community in coordinated and positive way
 - Observe clients and people we serve; “poster family” that would benefit from crisis center
 - Willing to tell story/champion cause→human side of issue

State-level coalition goals

Jeff Conroy

- Chairman of governance committee
- Intention of group:
 - Like organizations coming together for common cause (homelessness/poverty)
 - Advocacy group
 - What programs/resources do we have and how can we support each other
 - Focus energy on making sure that people on streets or in poverty are getting attention

Re: letters to legislator

- Filter via Cindy, John, or Keri in order to achieve coordinated effort

Suggestion to matriculate planning/organization subcommittee in to education and advocacy

- Ken stepping down from plan/org chair position

Point in Time Count

Matt Hutchinson

- Increased engagement this year, including SSVF
- 40-50 volunteers; main focus: Fresh Start, Warming Center (open 1/28-2/4), Head Start, School District, TIPS, NIVPC, 2nd St. Commons, UGM, DHW, CdA Tribe, Family Promise, CAPS, food banks, Heritage, Trinity Group Homes, ISP, Bonner/Boundary police depts., DOL, individual contracts to tent encampments/RV and trailer parks
- Push to focus on precariously housed this year; a couple of questions altered to get better info

Education subcommittee

- Resource directory updates: get them to keri@stvincentdepaulcda.org

Adjourn Meeting 1:00

**Next meeting:
Feb. 17, 2015 @ 12:00-1:00 PM
St Vincent de Paul Transitional Housing
1428 N. 1st St.**