



## Partnership to End Homelessness Board

Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** The quarterly Partnership to End Homelessness (PEH) Board meeting was held via **ZOOM Meeting** on June 14, 2021. The meeting convened at 2:00 PM.

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Candy Banker	✓	MJ Brell Vujovic	✓
Jodie Halsne	✓	Jim Dean	✓
John Hull	✓	Mark Smith	✓
Cameron Cassidy	✓	Jane Pak	✓
Chad Golden	✓	Lynda Plummer	✓
Tarah Wilder	✓	Rachel Mathison	✓
Jamyang Dorjee	✓	Janinna Attick	✓
Mary Cline-Stively	✓	Zoe Reese	✓
Rebecca McCrary	✓	Vicci Hilty	✓
Sarah Jayne Barrett	✓	Yasin Darmulo	EX
Janine Holbrook	EX	Charles Thompson	EX
Mindy Woods	EX	Mary Anne Dillon	✓

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Sam Scoville, Tanya Baniak, Debbi Trosvig, Jackie Anderson, Christie Lee Kamka

**GUEST(S) IN ATTENDANCE:** No Guests were in attendance

### WELCOME

#### Introductions/Housekeeping

- Candy Banker welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview on today's Zoom meeting which is being recorded.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

**\*ACTION ITEM:** Jim Dean made a motion to approve the March 4, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Janinna Attick seconded the motion. Abstention: Mary Anne Dillon. Approval of 3-4-21 meeting minutes passed.

**\*ACTION ITEM:** Jodie Halsne made a motion to approve the April 7, 2021 Supplemental meeting minutes as written. Vicci Hilty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORT UPDATES / ACTIONS:

### Communications and Engagement Committee (CEC) – John Hull

- John Hull updated the board on a PowerPoint slide presentation that CEC has put together to talk about what PEH is and how they engage with the community. The slides were presented to the Monroe Resource Group and Homage Services Staff for their feedback and engagement with them on what works and what doesn't work. CEC has received really good feedback from these groups.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** John will send a link of a recording of the presentation to Sam so if any Board members would like to see what the CEC is saying or doing, watch the recording.
    - *After watching the recording, let John or Sam know WHO needs the presentation (Council Members, Political officials) to help them better understand what coordinated entry is, what we do in the community and how PEH engages with the community.*

### Data & Analysis Committee (DAC) – Sarah Jayne Barrett

- Sarah Jayne Barrett gave an update on the “Decolonization of Data” Project. The committee has been working with the Data Committee with how they could contribute to that work. The last Data Committee meeting, there was a scheduling conflict and the meeting has been rescheduled. Currently there is nothing more to report.

### Public Policy Committee (PPC) – Vicci Hilty and Mark Smith

- *Candy Banker thanked Mark Smith for his leadership during this last legislation and getting PEH Board Members on board to send emails, last minute, to our legislators so we can get our bills passed.*
- Vicci Hilty had no updates
- Mark Smith thanked everyone on the PEH Board. We had over 25 PEH Board members participate in about 30-40 unique contacts with legislators during the session and before the session. “It was really remarkable”.
  - *All legislative priorities passed*
  - *Over 360 Million dollars put into Affordable Housing*
  - *No cuts to service programs*
  - *House Bill 1277 (The new document recording fee) passed. (provides ongoing sources of revenue for landlord mitigation accounts, project based vouchers for housing services).*
  - *House Bill 1220 passed - requires jurisdictions to plan for low income housing under the growth management act*
  - *House Bill 1236 passed – Tenant protections (requires landlords to have a legitimate business reason for evictions).*

## UPDATES:

### **FY2021 CoC Local Competition- Sam Scoville**

- *Sam updated the board on the FY2021 CoC Funding & Application*
  - *The application Oversight Committee met on May 11, 2021 and they approved the rating criteria and the review ranking in selection policies for this year's applications.*
  - *This allowed us to release our local application on Wednesday May 19, 2021*
  - *The application for Continuum of Care Funding closed on June 10, 2021 which is primarily for our permanent supportive housing/Permanent housing type interventions under HUD Continuum of Care Funding.*
  - *We accepted new and renewal applications for projects that will begin in July of 2022*
  - *NOFA – HUD will be releasing around July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021*
    - *We will be recruiting at that time for the project review committee, which rates and ranks the projects that applied.*

### **Local Standards Updates for ESG-CV Funds- Sam Scoville**

- *Sam updated the Board on Local Standards Updates for ESG-CV Funds*
  - *The Continuum of Care is responsible for establishing local standards which were created at the beginning of PEH. The standards for Continuum of Care Funds and ESG Funds which include:*
    - *Policies & Procedures regarding eligibility for housing & services*
    - *Establishing prioritization in permanent housing assistance*
    - *Standards for Allowable Activity*
    - *Standards for Documenting eligibility*
  - *These standards are part of our Governments charter and are found on our Continuum of Care website.*
    - *We are receiving those ESG-CV funds and are required to establish (particularly around the CV funds) how the funds are being used to prepare, prevent and respond to Covid-19. For those that are homeless:*
      - *Homelessness Assistance*
      - *Homelessness Prevention*
  - *We are starting to put together the recommendations. We will propose and add them as either an attachment or appendices to our local program standards. This will be done before our next PEH Board meeting. Once updated, information will be provided to Board members for review and approval. The Board will do an electronic vote at the next Board Meeting on September 13, 2021.*

### **HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV's) – Debbi Trosvig**

- *Debbi reported on the HUD Emergency Vouchers program (EHV) which is a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)*
  - *Through EHV, HUD is providing over 70,000 Housing Vouchers to local public housing authorities nationwide*
    - *Assists individuals/families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless*
    - *Available to those who were recently homeless or at high risk of housing instability who were previously housed through a CoC project*
    - *Housing Vouchers can be used in an existing unit or move into a new unit.*
  - *HASCO Housing Authority and the Everett Housing Authority have each received a total of 126 new vouchers in our community.*

- *The Housing Authority is encouraged to work with the CoC and utilized the Coordinated entry system.*
- *We are partnering with HASCO and Everett Housing Authority and are in the works of signing an MOU on behalf of the CoC, which should be available for review by the board once finalized.*
- *Everett Housing Authority is working with the Everett Public Schools to identify families that are receiving McKinney Vento Services and are on our Coordinated Entry list or in existing rapid rehousing program.*
- *HASCO is targeting their existing HASCO waiting list. We are working with HASCO and utilizing our HMIS Coordinated Entry System to cross check and identify applicants who are currently on Coordinated Entry and on the waitlist.*
- *Comprehensive move on strategy for the remaining vouchers primarily through permanent housing referrals.*
- *Vouchers can be renewed annually, and the clients can retain their vouchers for as long as they remain eligible.*

### **ARPA Funding for Snohomish County – MJ Brell Vujovic**

- *MJ reported on the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Since the recovery began, Human Services has thirty-two separate different funding's coming in, in order to address recovery actions.*
  - *The first Seven include the CARES Act Corona Virus Relief Funds (Rental Assistance, Technical Services, Home Delivered Meals, Congregate Meals, Care Coordination, Family Support Services for ECEAP Families) A vast amount of these funds went towards rental assistance to prevent homelessness.*
  - *1Million dollars in energy assistance (LIHEA Surge Money)*
  - *Monies from Aging and Disability Network Arena*
  - *CDBG Relief Money from HUD and Dept of Commerce*
  - *Additional Emergency Solutions Grants from HUD and Dept of Commerce for Rapid Rehousing, Motels, Youth and Young Adult Set aside, Emergency Shelter Operations*
  - *CSBG monies for poverty alleviation by working with the basic food, employment and training program, Work Source, Strong Families & strong futures (Programs helping families transition into employment)*
  - *Consolidated Appropriations Act Money (Second wave of federal Funding) exclusively for emergency rental assistance and utility assistance*
    - *24.8 Million through US Dept of Treasury*
    - *33 Million through State of Washington*
  - *SEIU monies to provide vaccine support for individual providers of in home care services*
  - *1.3 Million from WA State to get our isolation and quarantine site up and running*
  - *ARPA – There are ten different funding streams without dollar amounts yet for 7 out of 10*
  - *40% has been received of the additional emergency rental and utility assistance money from the US Dept of Treasury = 26.5 - 26.6 Million (we need to be spending on pace to receive the additional monies)*
  - *7.3 Million will be coming through HUD for homelessness services*
    - *Rules that will be attached to this money are not yet known*
  - *Rental Assistance money through the Dept of Commerce (Estimate is about 35 Million)*
  - *Utility Assistance to Homeowners (Amount not yet known)*
  - *Anticipating another 5 Million for Rental Assistance*
  - *Anticipating 1.5 Million for Water/Sewer Assistance (First time ever for this type of Assistance)*
  - *EHS monies*
  - *Mental Health Block Grants Monies anticipated from the North Sound Behavioral Health Associated Services Organization*
  - *More monies anticipated to provide home delivered meals, Congregate meals and home*

*and community based support for grandparents caring for grandchildren.*

### **PEH Outreach Team Updates and Recruitment – Cameron Cassidy**

- Cameron Cassidy updated the Board on PEH Recruiting for a Racial Equity Committee. A flier was shared with the Board members:
  - “The Racial Equity Committee will help the PEH establish the foundations needed to support and sustain future equity strategies for the improvement of housing and homelessness services”
  - Per the flier, the committee will be comprised of seven to eleven members and will include two PEH Board members and individuals from Tribal, Black Latinx, immigrant and Asian and Pacific Islander communities with:
    - Lived Experiences of Homelessness
    - Experience developing equity or working and volunteering in agencies or initiatives dedicated to:
      - Housing and homelessness
      - Services for families, youth and early adulthood support
      - Education and early development
      - Health and wellness and emotional/mental care support
      - Employment and training
      - Historical, cultural or linguistic services
      - Political or governance
      - Justice and policing
  - The time frame for bringing in those interested in becoming a part of the Racial Equity Committee is from now through July 6, 2021
    - If a Board Member is interested in being a part of the Racial Equity Committee, we are beginning take letters of interest.
    - If a Board Member is interested in helping the outreach team (Candy Banker, Cameron Cassidy, Sarah Jayne Barrett & Zoe Reese) by bringing recommendations or sharing contacts you may have, please send them to the outreach team or Sam Scoville.
  - The Racial Equity Committee has been working on the guiding document and this will be sent out to the PEH Board to view once it is complete.
  - The Goal is for the Racial Equity Committee to be up and operating by September of 2021
    - They will be doing outreach for the next three weeks
- Recommendations for the Racial Equity Committee Flier:
  - Add Logo
  - Add a border
  - Add Color
  - “Too Wordy”

### **ACTION:**

### **Equity Charter Revision – Sam Scoville**

- Sam reported out on the Equity Charter Revision. The outreach team had invited a guest for some feedback on their outreach strategy. This guest provided some really good feedback regarding the equity charter and the language that we have used.
- Plans were to have the guiding document for review for today’s PEH Board meeting
  - Due to changes, we are continuing to revise and change the document
  - A recommendation was made to change the name of the Racial Equity Committee to the Racial Equity Advisory Board
    - This reduces the power differential, honors their work and shows equity in

partnership

***Rachel Mathison made a motion to change the name of the Racial Equity Committee to the Racial Equity Advisory Board. Becky McCreary Seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.***

**Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) –Mary Anne Dillon**

- Mary Anne Dillon shared on the Strategic Plan Year 2 Recommendations and updates made to the PEH Strategic Plan.
    - Reviewed and updated year one strategies
    - Identified and updated the responsible parties for each strategy and/or goal
    - Recommendations for year two:
- 1) Increase outreach to individuals and families who are at risk of becoming homeless by providing referrals to needed housing and services. Target outreach to programs that typically serve individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness (i.e., energy assistance, senior services, early childhood education, etc.).
  - 2) As permitted, share data between systems of care to ensure that services are easily accessible and that individuals and families experiencing homelessness are not re-traumatized by duplicative questions and requests for information. Sharing data will help to reduce cross-system redundancies and overall costs to the community.
  - 3) Enhance current landlord engagement efforts to include veteran service and advocacy organizations to create strong relationships with community landlords and increase housing units available to veterans experiencing homelessness.
  - 4) Expand legal services available to youth and young adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness (i.e., including counseling, representation, sealing juvenile convictions that are a barrier to accessing housing).
  - 5) Homeless housing to assist individuals and families in overcoming barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing, such as past criminal justice involvement.
- The following Cross-Sector Collaboration strategy will be recommended for Year 2 if determined to meet the *decision making rubric*:
- 6) Partner with medical service providers to explore opportunities for expanding respite care programs for people experiencing homelessness who are exiting hospitals.

***Vicci Hilty made a motion to approve the Strategic Planning Committee Recommended Goals for year 2. Rachel Mathison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.***

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**WRAP UP**

- Candy Banker announced that meetings will continue via Zoom through the end of the year.
- Candy Banker reminded all our next zoom meeting is on Monday, September 13, 2021 via Zoom
- Candy Banker thanked committee members for setting up meetings.
- A thank you to the new outreach team, thank you for all your work and helping to get the charter up and running
- If you are interested in being a part of the Racial Equity Advisory Board, please read the information available on SharePoint and notify Sam Scoville with your letter of interest.

***Mary Anne Dillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Dean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned @ 3:26pm

Christie Lee Kamka, Sr. Secretary, Snohomish County Human Services

SPS Reviewed – 9/8/21