



## Partnership to End Homelessness Board

Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** The quarterly Partnership to End Homelessness (PEH) Board meeting was held via **ZOOM Meeting** on September 13, 2021. The meeting convened at 2:02 PM.

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Janinna Attick	✓	Leslie Hodson	✓
Candy Banker	✓	Janine Holbrook	EX
Mary Jane Brell Vujovic	✓	John Hull	EX
Rita Jo Case	✓	Rachel Mathison	✓
Cameron Cassidy	EX	Jamyang D. Nhangkar	✓
Mary Cline-Stively	✓	Jane Pak	✓
Steve Corsi	EX	Lynda Plummer	✓
Jim Dean	✓	Zoe Reese	✓
Mary Anne Dillon	✓	Jennifer Santibanez	AB
Yasin Dilsebo	AB	Mark Smith	✓
Nataya Foss	✓	Charles Thompson	✓
Chad Golden	EX	Tarah Wilder	✓
Jodie Halsne	✓	Julie Willie	✓
Vicci Hilty	✓	Mindy Woods	AB

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

**GUEST(S) IN ATTENDANCE:** Teri Nelson (Tulalip Tribes)

### WELCOME

#### Introductions/Housekeeping

- Candy Banker welcomed everyone and introduced the new PEH Board Members. The new Members are:
  - Rita Jo Case – NW Director of Housing Operations
  - Steve Corsi – President & CEO for VOA Western Washington
  - Julie Willie – Community Development Director, City of Everett
  - Leslie Hodson – Housing Consultant, Compass Health

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

**\*ACTION ITEM:** MJ Brell Vujovic made a motion to approve the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes as written. Vicci Hilty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORT UPDATES / ACTIONS:

### **Communications and Engagement Committee (CEC) – Tanya Baniak**

- Tanya updated the Board on the Communications and Engagement Committee (CEC) meeting.
  - The conversation with the Committee was focused around the CEC Presentation
  - Sam will send a link of a recording of the CEC Presentation. The Committee is asking for feedback from the PEH Board Members.
  - The committee is continuing to work on the strategic plan and will be seeking feedback from the PEH Board. The feedback will include any edits or modifications
  - The CEC has not developed a specific focus plan and is seeking guidance from the PEH Board. Any directions from the Board on tasks that the Board would like for the Engagement Committee to undertake or have assigned to them. The CEC would like to help support the Strategic Planning Committee with the Strategic Plan.

### **Data & Analysis Committee (DAC) – Sam Scoville**

- *Sam gave an update on the Data & Analysis Committee. Sarah Jayne Barrett is no longer the Chair for the Committee. The Committee is looking at fulfilling that role, so if you are interested in applying for that position, please reach out to Sam and he can share more on what the Committee does.*
- *The Data & Analysis Committee has been working on the “Decolonization of Data” Project which is around a self-identification within coordinated entry. They are looking at doing this at the Front door with the tribes. Research around Decolonization of Data is ongoing, and the Committee is looking to reach out, connect with the tribes to see how they can work together.*
- *Members are needed for this Committee. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to either Candy Banker or Sam Scoville.*

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

- *Vicci Hilty reported that the Public Policy Committee met on September 7, 2021. The discussion was around:*
  - *the Public Policy Priority Setting; and*
  - *The potential of site visits and what it looks like now that we’re in the middle of the Delta Variant. When there are site visits, will the visits be via virtual or in person.*
  - *The Federal Infrastructure Bill*
- *Mark Smith spoke on the Public Policy Priority Setting Document, which will be presented to the Board for adoption as there were some changes made. A copy of the PEH Public Policy Setting Criteria Document is attached.*
- *Mark will send out a survey to all Board Members, asking them to look up their legislative district and vote*
- *Mark will send out the Public Policy Request Form to all Board Members*

**\*ACTION ITEM: Jim Dean made a motion to approve the changes to the Public Policy Priority Setting Document. Jodie Halsne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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

- *Mary Anne reported on the Strategic Planning Committee. At the last meeting, the second year recommendations of the Strategic Plan were approved.*
- *It was decided that it was important to engage other Committees in their work in order to keep the Strategic plan alive and active in moving forward.*
- *The PEH Executive Committee will be joining the SPC at their next meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.*

## UPDATES:

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

- *FY2021 CoC Competition Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)*
  - *NOFO – (HUD release) Competition opened on August 18, 2021 with a submission deadline of November 16, 2021*
  - *The Competition occurs in two tiers:*
    - *Tier One amount is set in accordance with the current funded homeless and housing projects (Annual Renewal Demand). This year tier one is at 100% of the Annual Renewal Demand equaling to the amount of \$11,424,423 which is enough to fund all current projects.*
    - *Tier Two is based on how well the community does Nationally, how well the application is and how well the performance is. This includes the Continuum of Care Bonus, which is 5% of the Annual Renewal Demand which equals \$571,221 which can be used for new projects.*
  - *There are some changes in the NOFO Funding this year. Emphasis on:*
    - *Housing First (Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness)*
    - *Rating Ranking and Scoring (where performance sits with the application)*
    - *Coordination for cross sector partnerships with other systems such as the public housing authority and health care agencies*
    - *Racial Equity*
    - *Engagement of people with lived experience*
    - *Inclusion of Local Tribes to apply for COC Funding*

### **Racial Equity Advisory Board Updates/Recruitment- Sam Scoville**

- *The Outreach Team has been working on recruitment for the Racial Equity Advisory Board.*
  - *Currently, there are four applications from the Community*
    - *The Outreach team has reached out to the PEH Board to see if there are any additional ideas on who should be part of the Racial Equity Advisory Board.*
  - *The goal is to have the Board established by the end of September, early October*
  - *The Board will need at least two PEH Board Members as part of the Committee and the Outreach team is looking for expressions of interest from those on the PEH Board to participate*
    - *It is critical that there is representation from the PEH Committee to be a part of the Racial Equity Advisory Board.*
  - *If there are any questions or you are interested in joining the Board, please reach out to Sam Scoville, Candy Banker or Tanya Baniak.*
  - *Sam will send out information to all Board Members in reference to the Racial Equity Board and the application process.*

### **Afghan Refugees Update - MJ Brell Vujovic**

- *MJ Updated the Board on what is happening with refugees coming in from Afghanistan.*
  - *Snohomish County has begun receiving refugees from Afghanistan and it is anticipated that this time next year there will be around 1,200 to 2,400 individuals to resettle.*
  - *Some Individuals are coming into the Country on SIV's (Special Immigrant Visa's) which means they were most likely directly involved with the US Government in activities such as interpreting. They will have access to some level of support*
  - *Others are coming in as Refugees and will have access to State and Federal Support.*
  - *The Majority are coming in from Afghanistan as Humanitarian Parolees, which is a category that allows people to come in from the Country of their origin quickly, yet they don't have access to benefits in this Country.*

- *There are several organizations pulling together very quickly to meet immediate needs.*
  - *Resources are being made available on the short term, which include food, clothing and shelter.*
  - *Parolees are not work authorized when they arrive, and they need to apply to be work authorized. The application process takes about 4-6 months for approval and the authorization is good for a year.*
  - *The State Government does provide some State level benefits for those who have children under the age of nineteen.*
  - *If there are any questions or would like to see how your organization can be of assistance, please reach out to Mary Jane or Alessandra.*
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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 Tuesday, December 13, 2021 via Zoom

***Mark Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicci Hilty seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.***

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned @ 2:50 pm

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2021 via Zoom

Christie Lee Kamka, Sr. Secretary, Snohomish County Human Services  
S. Scoville – 11/15/21

PEH Board Approved - 12/13/2021

## Partnership to End Homelessness Public Policy Priority Setting

*The Partnership to End Homelessness embraces public policy issue advocacy and education as essential to successfully carrying out its mission. Potential advocacy issues may be proposed by any board member of the Continuum of Care. All proposed issues must meet the following threshold criteria:*

### 1. The issue must be aligned with the PEH Vision, Mission and Values

#### **VISION**

Every person in Snohomish County lives in safe, stable, and affordable housing with access to necessary services and economic opportunity.

#### **MISSION**

The Partnership to End Homelessness leads a collaborative, comprehensive and cohesive system of care that eliminates homelessness in Snohomish County.

#### **VALUES**

The Partnership to End Homelessness is committed to these guiding principles:

- Results-based solutions;
- Community-tailored system;
- Seamless access to services;
- Respect & dignity for every person;
- Culturally relevant approaches; and
- Open & honest communication.

### 2. The proposed advocacy item will impact homelessness in Snohomish County and/or the ability of government and nonprofit service agencies to respond to homelessness.

#### **Levels of Support**

Three levels of issue advocacy and education are possible: **Priority, Support and Oppose.**

#### • **Priority Items**

These items are deemed to have the broadest and deepest impact to the work of the PEH. In order to maximize education and advocacy efforts, there will ordinarily be only 2-4 priority items in any given legislative session.

- PEH Advocacy Actions - Meetings with legislators; Site visits; Phone calls; Emails & other forms of electronic communication; Public testimony

#### • **Support Items**

These are items that generally have a lesser impact on the work of the PEH, but are still deemed important.

- PEH Advocacy Actions - PEH name and/or logo listed on education and advocacy materials
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#### • **Oppose Items**

These items are deemed to have a negative impact on the work of the PEH and/or a negative impact on the homeless population.

- PEH Advocacy Actions - Same as Priority and Support items

#### **Selection Process**

All items to be considered for the PEH public policy agenda are first submitted to the PEH Public Policy Committee. The Committee will review and discuss each submission and make a formal recommendation

to the PEH board of directors for adoption. In cases of an emergent issue that needs action prior to the next meeting of the PEH board of directors, the item under consideration shall be referred to the PEH Executive Committee for final action.

Questions to think about:

- What is the potential impact of this item in Snohomish County?
- Does this issue have broad support outside the PEH?
- Is there opposition?
- Are there consequences for supporting or opposing this issue?
- Who is the bill sponsor/legislative champion?

Please submit items to Sam Scoville: [samuel.scoville@snoco.org](mailto:samuel.scoville@snoco.org)

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**Subject:** PEH: Online Vote: Vacating of Seat  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:43:00 PM

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Good afternoon, PEH Board.

I have created an online poll for PEH Board Members to vote for the removal of a current seated member for the *Tribal Government* position.

The *Tribal Government* seat is currently occupied by Jennifer Santibanez whose term officially began on March 4, 2021. We have not been able to engage Ms. Santibanez since this time. OCHS Staff have reached out to all contact information provided on the PEH Board Membership application. Board Members have also reached out to assist in supporting her connection to the PEH. We have also learned that Ms. Santibanez is no longer working with the Tribal Government. We have been unsuccessful in our outreach with her over the period of several months.

The [PEH Governance Charter](#) addresses the removal of a seated Board Member for repeated absences, misconduct, failure to participate, or violation of the conflict of interest or code of conduct policies. In accordance with the Charter, "Members are required to attend no less than seventy-five percent (75%) of meetings within a calendar year. Failure to meet the attendance requirement or repeated failure" (PEH Gov. Charter, pg. 4) will be grounds for removal from the Board.

This information was presented to the PEH Executive Committee and must now be taken to the Board. The Charter requires that "Members of the Board may be recommended for removal by a super majority vote for repeated absence, misconduct, failure to participate, or a violation of the conflict of interest or code of conduct policies", (PEH Gov. Charter, pg. 5). Recommendations by the PEH Board will be forwarded to the Snohomish County Human Services Director for the Director to act.

I have created an electronic survey for PEH Board Members to vote to vacate this seat. Please access the online poll and vote your recommendation for this seat. The Charter requires that votes be cast in a way that allows votes to be visible to all Board Members, so please ensure you type in your First and Last Name.

Online Poll: [https://doodle.com/poll/w3fu3h5t798rhvkz?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/w3fu3h5t798rhvkz?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

Please complete the poll by EOD Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

- Sam

**Sam Scoville** | he/him/his | *Grants & Program Specialist*

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Poll "PEH: Removal of Board Member from Representative Seat" <https://doodle.com/poll/w3fu3h5t798rhvkz>

	Yes, Remove J. Santibanez from the Tribal Government seat	No, Do not remove J. Santibanez from the Tribal Government seat	Abstain from voting
rachel.mathison@	OK		
Mindy Woods	OK		
Janinna Attick	OK		
Mark Smith	OK		
Vicci Hilty	OK		
Mary Cline-Stively	OK		
Zoe Reese	OK		
Mary Jane Brell Vujovic	OK		
Jamyang Dorjee	OK		
Tarah Wilder	OK		
Chad Golden	OK		
Nataya Foss	OK		
Julie Willie	OK		
Rita Jo Case	OK		
steve corsi	OK		
Candy Banker	OK		
John Hull	OK		

	Yes, Remove J. Santibanez from the Tribal Government seat	No, Do not remove J. Santibanez from the Tribal Government seat	Abstain from voting
lynda plummer	OK		
Jodie	OK		
Leslie Hodson	OK		
Charles Thompson	OK		
Jane Pak	OK		
Yasin Dilsebo	OK		
Count	23	0	0