

Regular Meeting  
September 23, 2020

MINUTES

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 54.AM.

**Board Members:**

- Beau Bakken, Citizen
- Eric Onisko, Council, City of Shelton
- Cappy Shapiro, Citizen
- Peggy VanBuskirk, MC Board of Health
- Mark Freedman, Administrative Service Organization (ASO)
- Randy Olson, Citizen
- Kevin Shutty, MC BOCC

**Staff Members:**

- Lydia Buchheit, MC Public Health
- Todd Parker, MC Public Health
- Abe Gardner, MC Public Health

**Guests:**

- Barb Weza, Community Lifeline
- Tanya Frazier, Crossroads

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Peggy VanBuskirk and seconded by Beau Bakken to approve the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Eric Onisko and seconded by Peggy VanBuskirk to approve the regular minutes as amended from August 2020 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. MEETING TOPICS:**

**a. By-Laws:** The attendance section was reviewed and approved. The Resolution will now be forwarded to the MC BOCC for approval and upon approval the H&BH Chair will sign in the By-Laws.

**b. Housing:**

- i. **Crossroads**-Tanya Frazier gave a summary of the 2019-2020 year and updated the board on funding and the numbers of households and individuals that have been served. There is a new program called CE Diversion Piolet Program. This program will be to help divert clients from homelessness. This started in September and 3

households have been helped. Also beginning in September CR expanded CE outreach to the North Mason area. The goal will be to have a team member in the north end three days a week with consistent outreach locations. CRH has a minimum of one staff out in the community 5 days a week and are taking calls 24 hours a day. The call line is 360-490-6510. CR is also starting to plan for the point in time count.

- ii. **Community Lifeline**-Barb Weza updated the board with a year end report. Operations have increased from part-time to full-time. CL has increased outreach in the downtown area and with those living in camps. CL has several projects going, they are remodeling and enlarging the women's sleeping area to increase capacity from 7 to 15, there is a sprinkler system being installed throughout the whole building which will allow services to year round, remodeling the main floor shower room and the men's shower room to meet increased needs, also will be painting several rooms.
- iii. **Grant Funding Update:** Right now, we have 12 funding sources and 12 subcontracts that include 20 projects. We have \$790,000 in Cares Act funding. The board discussed how this funding should be used and the what the priorities are in the community. The Board is in favor of prioritizing projects that are sustainable and will last in the community vs. ones that are one-time money. A top priority was finding a solution to increase shelter capacity for families with minor children. There will be an update at the October meeting.

**c. Behavioral Health:**

- i. LEAD Program-Law Enforcement Assistant Diversion, this is now fully operational. This grant will go on arrests first and then social contact referrals second. Social contact referrals will come from law enforcement and community partners. Mason County has 16 law violations that will constitute an individual as program eligible. There will be a priority for substance use disorder and mental health and for those experiencing extreme poverty.
- ii. CJTA Update-This is a peer case management and mentorship program, through Northwest Resources. This will be a part time person. Would like to hire a drug court graduate in filling peer gaps in the criminal justice system. The contract for this grant is still in progress. This is a one-time funding to the end of July 2021. Northwest Resources would like to make this a permanent position.
- iii. HRSA Grant-This is a 3-year grant for 1 million to be split between MCPH, Mason Health, PCHS and the NMRFA.

**6. Good of the Order:**

**7. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

**8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** October 28, 2020 via Zoom