

Regular Meeting  
February 25, 2021

MINUTES

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

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am

**Board Members:**

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

**Staff Members:**

- Lydia Buchheit, MC Public Health
- Todd Parker, MC Public Health
- Kell Rowen-MC Community Services Administrator
- Abe Gardner-MC Public Health

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Peggy VanBuskirk and seconded by Eric Onisko 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 from January 2021. With a small edit for change to January from February for the next meeting date. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. KELL ROWEN- Mason County Community Services**

Mason County is working on development regulations in the comp plan. They are trying to make it easier to be able to have an accessory dwelling unit on your property. RVs are not allowed as a permanent residence; however, this is usually not enforced on unless it becomes an issue. The regulations state one RV allowed on each parcel. There is a new apartment complex coming to Belfair soon.

The housing portion of the comp plan is being worked on. There many housing bills in legislation now.

**6. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:**

**a. Behavioral Health**

There are 10 funding sources and 19 sub-contracts with 39 separate programs. Lydia stated that the treatment sales tax funding does not show all the other programs that are funded with other grants. The big picture needs looked at not just what TST is funding.

Lydia stated that we are over in funding and Casey will need to be involved for the funding portion of this meeting. Questions for Casey are how short on funding are we? The funding portion will be tabled until we can get the information from Casey about the financials.

**b. Transportation Need**

Does the board have any ideas how we can address the transportation needs? Maybe reaching out to Mason Transit?

**7. EVICTION RENT ASSISTANCE NEW FUNDING & AWARDS:**

There have been 150 families across the county that have received assistance with this funding so far. Crossroads has 175 households on the waitlist with average payout at \$2700. Shelton Youth Connections has 15 on the waitlist with pay out average at \$1700.

There is a new grant in the works called TRAP. Todd will update board by email with new information about this grant. Should the board continue with current funding or start the process over?

How do we award this money? Kevin Shetty suggested funding all of Shelton Youth Connections with the remaining balance going to Crossroads.

**8. HB 1590 UPDATE:**

Briefing the BOCC on 1/15 of 1% for affordable housing, this would bring in approximately \$800,000.

There is possibly some affordable work force housing in the works through the City of Shelton. Eric will know more about this by the next meeting.

**9. GOOD OF ORDER:**

It was suggested that the board write a letter to the City of Shelton in support of affordable workforce housing. Commissioner Shetty will send letter to the board for the March 8, 2021 BOCC briefings.

Kevin updated the board the Shelton Youth Connections is expanding to the North end beginning in March of 2021.

Beau suggested that the board invites a representative from the crisis group to the H&BH meetings. Beau also asked the board to think of any questions they may have for the group so we can all trouble shoot some issues.

Abe updates on the LEAD grant, they are up and running and getting referrals from 3 different places, 1. Arrest 2. Social contacts 3. Community referrals. Have received 40 referrals at this point. The navigation program just started 3 weeks ago, and Abe is spending most of his time at the Sheriff's office. That helps with seeing the gaps firsthand. There are still lots more work to do in this area.

It was suggested the someone from the EOC (Emergency Operation Center) be invited to attend a meeting for a Covid 19 update.

**10. ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

**11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

MARCH 24, 2021

**Action Items**

1. Get financial for TST funding from Casey.
2. Update from Eric on the City of Shelton's Workforce Housing.