

Regular Meeting
September 25th, 2024

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

Board Members:

- Beau Bakken, Citizen
- Lyndsey Sapp, Council, City of Shelton
- Peggy VanBuskirk, MC Board of Health
- Amanda Gonzales, Citizen

Staff Members:

- Todd Parker, MC Public Health & Human Services
- Melissa Casey, MC Public Health & Human Services
- Christina Muller-Shin, MC Public Health & Human Services

Public:

- Eric Onisko

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Eric Onisko recommends to the Board that all agencies be allowed to do their own Coordinated Entry intakes and that the county appoint someone – staff, Commissioner, etc. – to be on the non-profit boards to ensure funds are being used appropriately. Also recommends that an audit be conducted on subcontracted agencies.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Peggy VanBuskirk made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Beau Bakken. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Peggy VanBuskirk made a motion to approve the August 28, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Beau Bakken. **The motion carried unanimously.**

5. MEETING TOPICS:

a. **FY25 CHG Funding Recommendations**

The Special NOFO Program Priorities, which align with the HBHAB's 2024 funding priorities are: Facilitator for 5-Year Plan Development, Program Development, HOST Home Program, Underserved and/or marginalized populations, Coordinated Entry Diversion, and Enhanced Shelters.

The total available funds were \$512,085. Following the recommendations of the HBHAB, the BoCC has approved the \$110,000 award for the Youth Connection's Eviction Prevention program. There is \$402,085 left for funding. Staff coordinated data collection from the agencies re: projected outcomes and how many clients will be served with the additional funding requested; responses were shared with the Board for review.

Staff shared program knowledge regarding rental assistance and diversion programs, and discussed other sources of funding for programs proposed.

Beau Bakken motioned to approve allotting \$200,000 for rental assistance and \$125,000 for a 5-Year Plan facilitator and providing Public Health the flexibility to award funds, seconded by Peggy VanBuskirk. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Peggy VanBuskirk motioned to approve \$25,000 awarded to Crossroads Housing Diversion, seconded by Beau Bakken. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Peggy VanBuskirk motioned to approve \$12,000 to Crossroads Housing Shower Program, seconded by Amanda Gonzales. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Peggy VanBuskirk motioned to approve \$40,000 remain in reserve, seconded by Beau Bakken. **The motion carried unanimously.**

b. **HB 1590 Affordable Housing**

Staff shared the final bill report for HB 1590 for Board discussion. The bill allows a county or city legislative authority to impose the local sales and use tax for housing and related services – constructing affordable housing and facilities providing housing-related services, constructing mental health and behavioral-health related facilities, or funding the operations and maintenance costs of newly constructed affordable housing, facilities providing housing-related services, or evaluation and treatment centers – by councilmanic action.

c. **Recommendation to adopt local sales tax for affordable housing**

Peggy motioned to approve recommendation of imposing local sales and use tax. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None

7. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am.

8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024