



ECHO convened at the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor, Hearing Conference Room, also via WebEx Online.

Clark County ECHO

(Ending Community Homelessness Organization)

Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2022

ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Gary Medvigy, opened-up the ECHO meeting with a warm welcome, introductions

ACTION: Moved by Richard Rylander to **APPROVE** meeting minutes from July 12, 2022. Chair Gary Medvigy seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

1. SHELTER TRACKING APPS

- Presented by Dale Whitley
 - Provided an overview regarding the Shelter Tracking App.
 - ServicePoint is the name of the HMIS software used by all shelters in Clark County.
 - ShelterPoint is a module within ServicePoint that documents the availability of beds within a shelter and facilitates the referral/placement of people into them.
 - Shelters can place bed holds to reserve a bed for an incoming person.
 - Q & A

2. PRIORITIZATION OF CLOSING HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

- Presented by Clara Johnson
 - A collaboration between CFTH, Columbia River Mental Health, Lifeline, Outsiders Inn, Recovery Café, SeaMar and SHARE have implemented practices operating as Coordinated Outreach (CO).
 - These teams are in regular communication to provide client services, participate in continuing education and to evaluate their collective efforts.
 - The staff documents all client interactions in HMIS.
 - Outreach Email: outreach@councilforthehomeless.org / Outreach Hotline Voicemail: 360-450-0802
 - The email and hotline are checked daily.
 - Q & A

3. SAFE PARK DISCUSSION

- Lindsey Hueer provided an update
 - There has been a thorough analysis of all the County owned parcels and there is nothing that the County owns that would be ready and available for a Safe Park location.
 - She had reached out to C-Tran, and they are not interested in looking at other location as potential expansion locations.
 - The criteria would need to change.
 - Q & A



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4. Update from each entity and any suggested action items

- Council for the Homeless:
- Vancouver Housing Authority:
- Community Foundation for Southwest Washington:
- Clark County :
 - Vanessa Gaston spoke to the Policy and Cost Implications. We need to have a discussion on affordable housing.
- City of Vancouver:
 - Diana Perez asked if the County could possibly look, into how they can help with the incredible rent increases that are happening in our County.
- City of Battle Ground:
- City of Camas:
- City of La center :
- City of Ridgefield:
- City of Washougal:
 - Julie Russell asked what programs, resources, and or assistance is available for those that their rents have increased significantly and can't afford their rent.

4. Future Discussions

- Sheriff's office and or VPD having access to HMIS.
- Housing availability and affordability.

5. Next Meeting

- November 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.