June 25, 2019 meeting notes

Attendees: Sandra Brown, Joan Caley, Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Remy Eussen, Adrianne Fairbanks, Dave Fuller, Charb Gourde, Bob Richardson, John Roth, Marla Sanger, Aru Undurti

Absent: Katie Huynh, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, David Scott, Cassandra Sellards-Reck

Staff: Marissa Armstrong, Lydia Gherman, Jeff Harbison, David Hudson, Janis Koch, Alan Melnick, Brian Schlottmann, Roxanne Wolfe

Guest: Kate Budd, Executive Director of the Council for the Homeless

(1) WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES (Adrianne)
Adrianne opened the meeting and introductions. The council reviewed the meeting notes from May 28, 2019. Remy Eussen moved and Joan Caley seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

(2) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
No comments

(3) PRESENTATION

- **Council for the Homeless**
  - Kate Budd, Executive Director of Council for the Homeless, presented data and information on the Clark County homeless population. She described the Council’s data collection efforts, including the Homelessness Management Information System and the Point-in-Time Count, which are helpful in identifying community needs. She provided several handouts with information (also available on website).

  - The majority of people experiencing homelessness have also experienced trauma and have higher ACEs scores. Having to repeat their crisis story several times to several people can re-traumatize them. The data collection effort reduces this process.

  - Housing is critical for health and wellbeing. The lack of affordable, safe housing increases risk of aging, extreme loneliness, cognitive impairments, and chronic health conditions.

  - Kate further described the process of placing folks in permanent homes, which has shown to be effective in reducing re-entry into homeless programs. In addition, providing permanent supportive housing is less expensive than providing continuous support services. This prevention strategy greatly reduces people from becoming homeless while providing a safety net.

  - Affordability is the biggest driver of homelessness, as indicated in the 2019 Clark County Point in Time Count, with results broken down by characteristics and situations of those living in Clark County.
– Opportunities for community education and advocacy trainings are available for those interested. RSVP is not required – just show up. [https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/community-education-and-advocacy-trainings](https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/community-education-and-advocacy-trainings)

– Here are some helpful suggestions offered from *Points on Homelessness for Community Members*:
  o Remain solution-focused by avoiding stereotypes and myths
  o Provide resources:
    ▪ Call the Housing Hotline (360)695-9677 or 211info
    ▪ The Day Center is at 2018 Grand Blvd., Vancouver 98661. Open daily from 7am-5pm (Beginning 11/19/18)
    ▪ Share the Resource Guide at www.councilforthehomeless.org
  o Let homeless outreach teams know where someone may be, in order to engage: (360)723-5054 or (360) 980-0040

(4) DEPARTMENT UPDATE
  ▪ Budget update
    Jeff provided a brief update on the budget process. After several work sessions and department discussions, the county adopts a final balanced budget in the first full week of December.

  o **Foundational Public Health Services:**
    Dr. Melnick described the FPHS funding allocated to the state and counties for the next biennium. The final funding is much less, than the original ask; however, the good news is that it is ongoing funding.

  ▪ EPH update
    o **Water Protection:**
      Janis provided a brief overview of the Whipple Creek pilot program. CCPH identified human contamination; however, there is no evidence of human exposure. Next steps will include notifications and education of septic inspections. There may potentially be a need of PHAC support in this area.

    o **Food Safety:**
      Janis gave an update on animals in food establishments and proposed variances. A couple of different approaches being considered are an increase in education and variance fees option for dogs on patios.

    o **Rec. Water:**
      Brian briefly described the current algae blooms at Vancouver Lake, Lacamas Lake and Round Lake. The caution signs currently posted indicate that the blooms are visible but are below toxic levels.

    o **School Health & Safety:**
      Brian provided a brief update on the mold complaint received, which turned out to be potential lead paint exposure. CCPH will continue to monitor and assure that the testing meets requirements.

    o **Wildfire Smoke:**
      Marissa described the DOH and CCPH process of preparing for the wildfire season, which will be presented to Board of Health on June 26.
- **SWEO:**
  Janis provided information on the yearly Recycled Arts Festival which is at Esther Short Park on June 29-30, and the Procession of the Species on June 30 at 11am. Also, the Natural Garden Tour is on July 14 between 10am-4pm. Pamphlets were provided with maps and information, [www.clarkgreenneighbors.org](http://www.clarkgreenneighbors.org)

(5) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
  - **Meeting schedule**
    - July – dark
    - November – meeting date is on a holiday week, will come back with a date between November and December.
    - December - dark

(6) **COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE**
  Caples Terrace, located by Bridgeview, will soon house youth who are phasing out of foster care. (Joan)

(7) **ADJOURN**
  The meeting adjourned at 8pm.