

Pueblo Regional Continuum of Care Meeting

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Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Center 101 W. 10th St Pueblo, CO
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- I. Updates and Introductions: If your agency has extensive updates consider emailing them to Meagan.Schroeder@posadapueblo.org prior to the meeting so that all the information is entered correctly in the minutes.
- II. Minutes from September 2017: (any corrections/additions)
- III. Continuum of Care:
- IV. Commissioner Garrison Ortiz
- V. Shelter and Holiday Updates
- VI. Debrief on the Stand Down
- VII. Adjourn no later than 11:30AM

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September 20, 2017 10:00am Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center
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Attendees: Brenda Nemick-ADRC 211 @ SRDA, Jackie Jaramillo, Marisela Garcia-Gomez and Matthew Haslar-Colorado Springs Rescue Mission, Anne Stattelmann-Posada, Steve Unruh-PFC, Cindy Bernal-Pueblo EPIC, Tina Sauer-Children First, Adrian Medina-Pueblo County Veteran Services, Karen Ashcraft-Pueblo County Sheriff Office Emergency Services Building, Vanessa Brazee-Pueblo City County Health Department, Eddie Medina-Pueblo Commissioners Office, Alison Gerbig and Benjamin Strand-Rocky Mountain Human Services Homes for All Vets, Chris Beltrane and Stephen Bundy—VA VASH, Mike DeSalvo-VOA, Silvia Flores-Passillas-Saint Mary Corwin Cancer Center, Sister Nancy Crafton—Centro de Los Pobres, Bridget Byerly-SSA, Jacinto Ramos-Parkview Medical, Amy Martin-Pueblo Library District, Kristen Castor-CCDC, and Karla Cordova-Beacon Health Solutions, Evie Harris-Catholic Charities, Edie DelaTorre-Cooperative Care Center, Candace Rivera and Vanessa -YWCA, Mary Rivera-Centura Health, Avanye Renner, Christian Leal and Gaby Morales-Pueblo Community Health Center, Barbara Ripperger-King of Kings Lutheran Church, Tisha Wyatt-Pueblo City Schools,

I. Introductions and Updates:

Adrienne Medina with Pueblo County Veteran's Services provides a one stop for Veteran's services with several other agencies at 111 North Union Avenue in Pueblo from 12 to 3pm every Wednesday. They work on claims, housing, jobs and veteran related issues. He asked for assistance for the Homeless Veteran's Stand Down scheduled for Friday September 29th at the First Presbyterian Church at 220 West 10th Street in Pueblo from 10am to 2pm. He also reported that Tanya Gurule from the Pueblo County Commodities Program is still looking for clients.

Chris Beltrane with the VA VASH Program said that his program is full.

Evie Harris with Catholic Charities said that they are waiting to hear if the RE-Hire funding will be reinstated. They continue to enroll people in the program.

Eddie Medina introduced himself. He is interning with Pueblo County through a program with the DOD.

Edie DelaTorre with the Cooperative Care Center said that they continue to be busy. She mentioned that Garrison Ortiz would like to come to the next Continuum meeting to make a presentation.

Karen Ashcraft with Pueblo County Emergency Services attended and said that at this point there are no plans in place to assist hurricane evacuees from Harvey or from Irma.

Vanessa Brazee with PCCHD said that September is National Preparedness month.

<https://www.ready.gov/september>

Vanessa with the YWCA said that the YWCA has a co-location with DSS at Desert Flower Boulevard. Candace Rivera with the YWCA said that the shelter is continually full and that they are operating at capacity.

Mary Rivera is an outreach specialist with Step-UP and has been busy with a lot of open houses and receptions presenting on their programs. Mary is still working on the free dental clinic...from last month. COMOM is a free dental clinic that will take place on October 13th and 14th. The clinic will start at 6am.

They can still use volunteers. For more information go to: comon.org All the dental services are free. They will serve up to 1,500 people. Anyone who has a child needs to be there for that child—there will be no child care. She wants people to plan and make those arrangements. People need to go to comon.org and must register online with a personal email. All volunteers will get a t-shirt. There is no age limit. There will be no extraction of wisdom teeth. They will need 500 volunteers and 100 dentists. This will take place at the Event Center at the fairgrounds. The line will open at 6am.

Avanye, Gaby and Christine from PCHC said that they have hired new providers but are not yet providing open enrollment.

Brenda Nemick said that Medicare open enrollment is from October 5th to March 5th and her agency is ready to assist. Judy Kagy is now with the No Wrong Door Implementation Grant and she is updating data bases.

Mike DeSalvo is with Volunteers of America and will be renting space in Pueblo to provide services similar to Rocky Mountain Human Services through a Veterans Supportive Services Grant.

Alison Gerbig with Rocky Mountain Human Services Homes for All Veterans said that they too applied for the SSVF Grant but did not receive it and will partner closely with the VOA to provide quality services in Pueblo. She hopes that some new emphasis on the needs in Pueblo may result in additional funding and housing for Veterans. She referenced “Freedom Springs” in Colorado Springs that provides housing to Veterans. Her office continues to work on making Veteran Homelessness, rare, brief and non-recurring. Challenges in that area include the number of new Veteran homeless that continue to flood the system and the fact that federal vouchers don’t meet market rates and are unable to be filled.

Ben Strand with Rocky Mountain Human Services continues to work to attain and maintain housing for homeless veterans.

Karla Cordova works with Beacon Health to provide integrated health care and assist people with problem solving regarding their care coordination. You can reach their services at 855-959-7340. People can call this number as well for information on the ICHIP Program.

Kristen Castor is a non-attorney advocate etc.... with training in civil rights and advocacy. She will continue to provide information to the group on Medicaid changes and impacts involving low-income and disabled communities. Currently her efforts are directed to opposing the Graham – Cassidy Bill. Again, this bill, like many of those that have come before would be disastrous for Pueblo. Many people in Pueblo are supported by Medicaid. Some legislators in Colorado are calling Medicaid unsustainable, however---not having Medicaid in poor communities would be catastrophic. A good site to go to for information is adapt.com

Sister Nancy said that she is working with Catholic Charities and others to assist DACA recipients in new registrations—due before October 5th. Each application is \$495 due to Homeland Security. She believes that ultimately there will be a positive result from the federal government but now it is crunch time. There is fear in the community that by registering these DACA recipients put their family members at risk of deportation.

Anne Stattelmann with Posada said that the agency is continuing to provide case management services for the general homeless population at the DSS Desert Flower Blvd location and family case management at their housing units. Youth continue to receive services at 225 Colorado Avenue. The agency hopes to have

a permanent place for mail soon—for now it is giving out client mail at the Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen.

Maisela Garcia Gomez with the Pueblo Rescue Mission is an intern this semester and is passionate about the mission of the Rescue Mission.

Matthew Hasler is the Community Relations Director for the Rescue Mission and is going to be hosting a red-carpet event at Tinsel town. The film “Same Kind of Different as Me” will be shown on Wednesday October 18th at 7 and 7:30 pm. For more information and to claim your free tickets go to www.pueblorescuemission.org/tickets

The Pueblo Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Chief Theater on Thanksgiving Day. The Pueblo Rescue Mission may be giving support to Steel City Supporters who are hosting the dinner.

Jackie Jaramillo, the Director of the Pueblo Mission said that construction continues at the West 4th Street location but that the shelter will not be ready before the cold weather hits. She has been and will continue to talk to local leaders about an emergency warming shelter location. Jackie also mentioned that agencies at the meeting might be interested in attending the Pathway’s Home Tool Kit. An invitation was sent to all the Continuum Members.

Cindy Bernal with EPIC Pueblo said that her group will be providing training on the impacts of substance abuse (second hand) on young children. She hopes to provide this training within the next two months with assistance from Julie Zabolio at Health Solutions. Additionally, her group is working on the community master plan for early childhood.

Tina Sauer with PCC—Children First---is asking for agencies to make sure their information is complete and accurate in the Pueblo Youth and Resource Guide.

Amy Martin with the Pueblo Library District announced that the library has scholarships for those 19 and older who want to pursue their GED/High School Diploma. They must have at least an 8th grade education. The scholarships are worth \$2,000 each. There are 30 scholarship slots. For more information go to www.pueblolibrary.org/careeronlinehighschool On October 27th there will be a Pueblo Resource Fair starting at 2pm at the library.

Jacinto Ramos said that she provides financial counseling at Parkview. She is located at 405 West 15th Street. They do take walk in’s and council on community resources. You do need to be patient of Parkview

Brigit Byerly with SSA will be providing several trainings around Social Security and Disability. Emails will be forwarded to this group about upcoming trainings.

Tish Wyatt is the homeless liaison for District 60. She is currently working on their district wide count (counts take place in October and February.) Tish will be hosting a resource fair for families in need in her program and will also be holding a coat drive. More information will be forthcoming

Sylvia Flores with the Dorcy Cancer Center passed out flyers about a Genetic Screening that will take place on November 9th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Call 719-557-5460 for more information.

- II. Minutes from August 2017 accepted as read with the change to include that Christ Life Ministries through WAGEES does provide services to women but does not provide housing.
- III. No other business
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 11:15am The next meeting will take place on October 17th at 10:00am

