

## **Pueblo Continuum of Care**

Minutes for April 18, 2017

Pueblo City County Health Dept.  
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**Members Present:** Christina Leal – PCHC; Sister Nancy Crafton – Los Pobres; Meagan Schroeder, Anne Stattelmann, LaTanya Yarbrough, Charlotte Bieber – Posada; Benjamin Strand, Alison Gerbig, Shirleen Murrell – RMHS/HAV; Mary Hobbs, Stephen Bundy – VA HUD/VASH; Vanessa Brazee – PCCHD; Lauren Erdman, Care and Share; Kimberly Yarbrough, DSS; Brenda Nemick – ADRC/211; Barbara Ripperger – King of Kings Lutheran Church; Mary Rivera – Pueblo Step Up; Antoinette Garcia, – DSS; Kathy Cline – Salvation Army; Cindy Bernal – Pueblo EPIC; Bella Vigil – Crisis Intervention Center; Ann Ladd – Launch Pad; Teah Miller, Melissa Bruce – Health Solutions; Matt Broker, Anthony Mason – Pueblo Workforce Center; Karla Cordova – Beacon Health Options; Gail Rodosevich – CLS; Judy Kagey – Parkview Medical Center; Dayera Brekke – Pueblo Cooperative Care; Amanda Cooper – Christlife Ministries; Galen Beaver – Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office; Avanye Renner, Community Health Center

### **I. Updates and Introductions:**

Amanda Cooper, Christlife Ministries: Reentry with Parole Grant, Parenting class starts May 2, have housing spots open.

Steven Bundy, VA HUD/VASH: Working on doing a presentation ceremony for veterans from the Vietnam period with a special pin for specific service period. Presentation on Veterans Day this year at the University. If you know of any veterans who fit this let me know.

Kimberly Yarbrough, DSS: April 1 clients will be able to receive TANF and child support. It will affect benefits, food assistance and housing; they will use that income to issue it.

Jill Kidd, Pueblo City Schools: 1700 kids in Title X right now.

Matt Broker, Colorado Dept. Labor, Veterans Appt Rep: Works to find veterans and match them with businesses.

Lauren Erdman, Care and Share: Establish new partnership with org’s in Pueblo to increase food assistance outreach. In Pueblo, we have 20 food pantries, plus 7 mobile food pantry sites. Mobile sites open 1 x a month. Others have varying hours, 1-2 times a month open. Will send schedule of locations and hours. Interactive map on website updated every week. Careandshare.org

Dayera Brekke, COOP: Have vouchers for ID, DL’s, BC. Seeing 80-100 families. Struggling with security ongoing. We did a toilet paper drive, which collected 20,000 rolls of toilet paper.

Antoinette Garcia, DSS: LEAP continues through April then it ends. Down to 2 technicians at LEAP and one clerical. Have filled 5 vacancies at north office.

Tina Miller, Health Solutions: Currently have no opening for housing vouchers. We have 7 different voucher programs. Location is at 41 Montebello Road. We have opiate treatment center, opened in February with 8 beds. Have scholarship programs for 30 people to have 90-day opiate treatment program paid for. In-patient and then intensive outpatient treatment plan, application can be found on Health Solution website. Crisis living room opened another location, men and women. Talking about opening a crisis living room for adolescents.

Karla Cordova, Integrated Community Health Partners: Involved with CoC mtg in Florence. They have subcommittee for housing. Is anybody addressing the housing issues here in Pueblo? If you know anyone addressing affordable housing in Pueblo, please let me know. Looking at Health related to not having affordable housing in Pueblo.

Ann Ladd, Launch Pad: Creating residential program for 18-25 year old homeless. 3-5 years help to stay in school, get jobs, long-term home base for them to return. Just getting launched. No location yet.

Mary Rivera, Pueblo Step Up: Looking for more places for getting children enrolled. We also are part of Pueblo Get Covered collaborative. 5-6 partners in Pueblo who work with medical assistance programs. Starting to offer programs/ presentations for 'now you have insurance, what do you do with it?' Even though people are covered, they do not know how to use it. We also have health sessions offered May 16 at office. At Pueblo Step Up, senior benefits counselor to work with those on Medicare or about to go on it. Fun Fair was rescheduled for April 29.

Vanessa Brazee, PCCHD: Help Crisis, Father's Day Weekend, asking people to walk through Pod. Do not require any photo ID, but we need 600 people to show up between 8am-12. Registration is not required. We have 250 gifts for adults and 250 gifts for children. Featuring Touch a Truck, helicopter and firetrucks. Will also have ambulance and other first responders there. Pretending there's a mass H1M1 with no shots. Will be at Pueblo West High School.

**Galen Beaver, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office: Pilot program using Divitrol? Helping with opioid.**

Brenda Nemick, ADRC 211 SRDA: Assist with Medicare counseling, assist with Connect for Health CO, assist with Medicaid applications, food stamp applications, hearing aid, dental work, etc. We are a resource area for people to call. Had many calls for free tax assistance, which is over.

Bella Vigil, Crisis Intervention Center: In patient center, have 30 beds, patients can stay up to 5 days depending on substance used. Reimbursed through Medicaid.

Avanye Renner, Pueblo Community Health Center: Offering a clinic for pregnant moms and spouses. Call OB department and ask for more info.

Anne Stattelman, Posada: Pueblo Rescue Mission will rehab the facility on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and their goal is to move to Lake Ave. Purchased Colorado corrections building and will do a 24 hour low barrier shelter. Its through Co Springs Rescue Mission here. Jerry Carter and Steel City Supporters will be doing both holiday community dinners this year at the Art Center.

Charlotte Bieber, Posada: Youth numbers have doubled in last week, 20-25 youth in each day. Also as the chair of local Sierra Club, we are getting more involved in doing needle clean ups. Needle clean up this Saturday. People have to be trained. Sierra Club is along Fountain Creek. Peoples Climate March on April 29.

Cindy Bernal, Pueblo EPIC: Partnering to invest in children. Mission to work with business and get them involved with children. Take book donations, read books at preschools to children, we do brown bag lunch presentations to businesses. Series of 4 presentations currently, but are open to developing more if companies would like a specific topic. Open to collaborate with everyone. Provide 14 scholarships to attend the PCC summer children's event. Always looking for Board members.

Kathy Cline, Salvation Army: Doing utility assistance, still have money. Averaging 20-25 families in a 4-hour period. Not just BHE, but also Xcel. Warming shelter for men will be open until end of April,

and then it will be closed and not open again. Summer camp for kids ages 6-12 in June, open to 50 children free. Day camp for 4 weeks at 401 S. Prairie.

LaTanya Yarbrough, Posada: Working on Community picnic, inviting all agencies. If you are attending please let LaTanya know. Community picnic – this year setting up for 1500 people. Need people to set up tables to tell community what resources are available for them.

Gail Rodosevich, CLS: Two attorneys on maternity leave, please have clients call 545-6708 ext 444. In Pueblo, there are many improper notices for evictions. New pilot program for kinship adoptions. Highest number of grandchildren raising children is in Pueblo. This pilot program will help stabilize families. Have 2 retired attorneys to work on the program. Can help even great aunt and uncles. Can help stabilize the adoptions and get the kids on insurance.

Judy Kagey, Parkview: Do eligibility for Medicaid programs, Connect for Health, CO Indigent care program.

Chief Valdez, Pueblo Police Dept.: 3 weeks ago, PPD was accredited by **COLIA**. Now have a police Dept. doing best practices in everything we do. Have tried to increase professionalism of organization and make sure others understand we have changed. We have increased our community outreach; want us to be partners with all agencies here. Care about veterans, homeless population, those in poverty, children not getting care they need.

## **II. Minutes from March 2017:**

Minutes were accepted.

## **III. Continuum of Care: Tabled from last meeting**

### **a. Point in Time Count**

181 youth, 25 and under were counted as homeless in Pueblo during that week, January 24. Have highest count of all rural communities in the state.

### **b. Coordinated Entry**

This is for anyone who provides homeless services and uses HMIS. HUD funding will be tied very consistently to that. TBRA, Posada has current openings, have stable income, permanent disability. Have immediate openings.

## **IV. Pueblo Issues**

### **a. Upcoming Cleanups**

### **b. Marches**

Climate March is coming up. Tax march happened last weekend. Immigration gathering on Lake, Northern, and Orman Ave. for keeping families together provided by Faith Leaders in Action. Chief Valdez commented: Pueblo PD will not be doing round ups, sweeps. ICE is the ‘demon’ out there everyone talks about, we do work with ICE with people who we also feel need to be out of our community. If we arrest a felon, I would be the first one to call ICE, but we are not going to separate husbands, mothers, and families and break them up because they ‘look’ like they might be illegal residents.

### **c. Advocacy**

We are looking at off ramp with BHE. There was an ECA, quarterly adjustments; energy cost adjustment that go up or down, our last quarterly increase was over 17 million. We have no local control. There are options for providing our own energy for our own community.

## **V. Other Business**

## **VI. Adjourn**