

Pueblo Regional Continuum of Care Meeting

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Sister Nancy Crafton-Facilitator Meagan Schroeder-Recorder

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 August 2017: (any corrections/additions)
- III. Continuum of Care:
- IV. Pueblo Issues
 - A) Black Hills Energy upcoming meetings and rate case
 - B) Xcel closure of One and Two
 - C) Outreach trends and updates
 - D) Upcoming Homeless Stand Down
 - E) Shelter for Individuals
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjourn no later than 11:30AM

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August 15, 2017

10:00am Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center

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Attendees: Brenda Nemick-ADRC 211 @ SRDA, Bella Vigil-Crossroads Turning Points, Galen Beaver-Pueblo County Detention Facility, Tisha Wyatt-Pueblo City Schools, Bridget Byerly-Social Security Administration, Karen Ashcraft-Pueblo County Emergency Services, Jacinta Ramos-Parkview Hospital, Ada Clark-City of Pueblo, Jennifer Parkview-Posada, Jackie Jaramillo and Matthew Haslar-Colorado Springs Rescue Mission, Amanda Cooper and Rene Baca-Christlife Ministries, Rebecca Tamez and Nancy Arredondo-DCOC Parole, Benjamin Strand-Rocky Mountain Human Services Homes for All Vets, Edie DelaTorre-Cooperative Care, Cindy Bernal-Pueblo EPIC, Tina Sauer-Children First, Avanye Renner, Christian Leal and Gaby Morales-Pueblo Community Health Center, Adrian Medina-Pueblo County Veteran's Services, Candace Rivera and Melisa Brule-YWCA, Evie Harris-Catholic Charities, Kim Yarbrough-Pueblo County Department of Social Services, Barbara Ripperger-King of Kings Lutheran Church, Karla Cordova-Beacon Health Options, Steve Unruh-PFC, Leslie Rojas, Mary Rivera-Centura Health, Elizabeth Vigil, Kristen Castor-Access for All, Sister Nancy Crafton-Centro de Los Pobres, Marina Martinez-Pueblo Salvation Army

I. Introductions and Updates:

Sister Nancy Crafton reported that the workers she provides assistance to have been working seven days a week in very deep mud. Workers are in wet shoes, wet pants etc....Centro de Lost Pobres is in need of jeans and shoes-----and there is a lot of need in other areas as well.

Ben Strand with Rocky Mountain Human Services works to attain and maintain housing for homeless veterans. The biggest trend now is that people are showing up in rural Colorado communities thinking that this is the land of milk and honey and then realize that resources are difficult to come by in Colorado.

Nancy Arredondo with adult parole is concerned about housing development for their population.

Amanda -Christ Life Ministry said that they have services and housing for paroles and for sober living. They serve men and women through the WAGEES program but only have housing for men. Rena Baca was introduced as a new employee.

Mary Hobbs with the VA said that she has vouchers but it is difficult to find available housing. The Stand Down is the 29th of September First Presbyterian from 10am to 2pm

Edie Delatorre and her volunteers at Cooperative Care are staying busy and still seeing a lot of people from out of state. Due to their new computer system they are able to track the origination of households. They are seeing 80 and 100 families daily between 9 am and 12 pm.

Captain Marina Martinez said that currently they have no funding for utility assistance. They ended their summer day camp and served up to 40 youth. A lot of foster kids took advantage of the program. They started a soccer program at the Salvation Army.

Cindy Bernal with EPIC has trainings coming up to benefit parents and educators as to how second-hand substance use impacts young children. They will coordinate and work with Health Solutions to put on a training.

Tina Sauer with Children First shared information on Colorado Early Learning and Development Guidelines for children in the development stages from three to five—this will be sent to the group through email.

Avanye Renner with PCHC reported that they are up two providers

Christina Leal works with homeless and EIS patients. Sunday the 20th of August is Pueblo Pride Day. Festivities begin at 9am.

Gaby Morales works for PCHC with the migrant and EIS program. They provide free HIV testing and have in-house specialists for HIV care.

Beverly Byerly attended from the Social Security Administration.

Currently Health Solutions has no housing or room on the waiting list. PATH Funds were recently lost.

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.

Candace Rivera from the YWCA said that their new ED is Zelma Joseph. They are working on getting the YWCA fully staffed. The shelter is full and is understaffed, for information on job positions please go to their website.

Jackie Jaramillo with the Colorado Springs/Pueblo Rescue Mission is working hard on renovations and finding a general contractor. They will have the building ready by the time the snow flies this fall.

Tish Wyatt is new with District 60 and works with the McKinney Vento Act and with Title One Schools. Her contact information is 719-240-6640 tish.wyatt@pueblo.us She is the Homeless Liaison and will work to identify students and assist with residency forms..... who qualifies for the homeless program. There are 17 Title X schools through School District 60.

Galen Beaver with the Pueblo County Detention Center is having good luck with their re-entry project. The DV pilot in jail going well---improved continuation and treatment. There is a wait list for the Vivitrol Program. They also are referring people to sober living and there is an increase there too.

Bella Vigil with Crossroads said that the agency is very busy and that there is high demand for all their programs but especially for young pregnant women. There are many referrals to IRT for Vivitrol and Suboxone etc....

Brenda Nemick with 2-1-1 said that there is nothing too new. She did pass on information about their referral program to Medicare. They provide counseling etc..... There is open enrollment in October.

Kimberly Yarbrough Wheeler with DSS said that TANF will be moving to the old First Baptist Church on 9th and Grand Avenue hopefully in October

Leslie Rojas also with DSS provides long term care. She said that part of DSS hopes to move to the old Judicial building in a year

Mary Rivera with Centura Health hopes to hold many open houses. She is still plugging away on COMO scheduled for October 13th and 14th. All the dental services are free. They will serve up to 1500 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

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. Karla continues to work with a group that is addressing the lack of housing and poor housing in Pueblo. She hopes to continue to put affordable housing out as a policy priority for legislators.

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.

Ada Clark with the City of Pueblo in response to Kristen's question about modifications for ramps and bathrooms said that the City has a program that provides up to \$5,000 ramps or bathroom modifications etc..... County does provide low-income assistance for low-income seniors twice in a lifetime

Ada also reported that the PHA is working through a Phase I Tax Credit Project called "The Uplands." There are complications with the project and one concern is that this will be housing for people from Colorado Springs who can't afford to live in Springs and will be living in Pueblo. From Ada "Now we have vouchers and no housing. Housing projects require huge investment and long-term maintenance..... there is no building boom in Pueblo.

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.

Karen Ashcroft with Pueblo County Emergency Management said that she is working with the American Red Cross to put in a million fire alarms. Sound the Alarm---- <https://www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm> you can go to the website for more information.

Jennifer Parker is the new housing stability case manager at Posada. She will be making connections with agencies.

II. James Ginsberg, the Director at Ft. Lyon's gave an update on Ft. Lyons. He hopes it will continue to be a resource for people in Southern Colorado.

Ft. Lyon's just had its four-year anniversary. The agency is 90 miles due east in Las Animas, Colorado. Ft. Lyon's uses a broader definition of homelessness for acceptance into the program. It is 100 percent voluntary. There is a 50 percent graduation rate. The average length of stay is about a year. 92 percent have severe histories of trauma. For referral information go to the coloradocoalition.org website and what we do—housing Ft. Lyons.

The biggest barrier for entry is incomplete applications. James says, “give us an hour and we will give you three years.” You cannot be acutely ill or psychotic on entry and you must be medically detoxed etc..... You need to bring 30 days of meds. There are 248 beds and they must be 90 percent full to be in compliance with the legislation that funds the program. They want to be as close to demand as possible. There are 220 people at any given time. About 190 to 200 are male and 30 to 40 are female. They want to receive enrollees 72 hours ahead of their last substance experience.

Fort Lyon Supportive Residential Community

Resident Selection Criteria

The Fort Lyon Supportive Residential Community provides recovery oriented transitional housing to homeless individuals with substance use disorders. The program combines housing with counseling, educational, vocational and employment services for homeless and formerly homeless persons from across the state of Colorado, with an emphasis on serving homeless veterans. Residents enter and participate in the program voluntarily and can remain in the program for up to 24 months. The following is a list of program entrance requirements participants must meet to be eligible. Please keep in mind that each application is reviewed on an individual basis for clinical appropriateness.

Participants must be homeless or be at imminent risk of homelessness

Participants must be at least 21 years or older. Typically, persons over the age of 25 are most successful in this environment

Participants must have a documented substance use disorder with previous failed attempts at treatment and express a strong motivation and desire to change

Participants must be detoxed from their drug of choice prior to program entry - meeting the ASAM Level I Detox Criteria

Participants who have a mental health diagnosis must have stable symptoms and have a 30-day supply of all prescription medications at time of transportation

Participants who have chronic health conditions must be Medically cleared to enter the program and be sent to the program with a 30-day supply of any required medication

Participants must be a resident of Colorado

Ft Lyon does not provide any court ordered treatment, and will not provide any written updates to probation or parole. A background check will be requested prior to the admission/transportation date. Rescission of the admission date will be sent to the referral source if there are open warrants or open cases, if the participant is a registered sex offender or if there is a concerning history of sexual offenses or recent violent offenses

Participants must agree to live in a communal living environment and comply with the Resident Handbook and Fort Lyon Policies and Procedures

Participants may bring only one bag of personal belongings to the program

There are no minimum or maximum income requirements for the program and the program is provided free of charge to participants. Please keep in mind that this program generally operates off a waiting list. Referred participants should have an established relationship with the referring organization. Referring organization should be able to contact the participant on an ongoing basis and be able to assist in locating participant when their name comes up on the waiting list. It is suggested that while participants wait to be

admitted to the program, that the referring agency work to connect the participants to mainstream benefit including Medicaid and SSI/SSDI, provide the participants assistance in obtaining identification documents and aid in the application process for affordable housing for after program exit. This program is not intended to be an alternative to incarceration and will not accept participants under court ordered treatment. Upon program completion, participants will be assisted in reintegrating into a community of their choice and be provided with resources for ongoing care, housing options and community supports.

- III. Minutes from July 2017 accepted as read
- IV. No other business
- V. Meeting adjourned at 11:15am