

Pueblo Continuum of Care Meeting
September 20, 2016 10:00am
Sister Nancy Crafton-Facilitator
Meagan Schroeder-Recorder



Pueblo County Sheriff's Office
Emergency Services Center
101 W. 10th St
Pueblo, CO 81003

- I. Updates and Introductions:** If your agency has extensive updates consider emailing them to stattelman@yahoo.com or Anne.Stattelman@posadapueblo.org prior to the meeting so that all the information is entered correctly in the minutes.
- II. Minutes from August 2016: (any corrections/additions)**
- III. Continuum of Care:**
- IV. Pueblo Issues**
 - A) Black Hills Energy**
 - B) Possible Focus Group on Homelessness**
 - C) Upcoming Homeless Stand Down**
 - D) Holiday Dinners and Toy Drives**
- V. Other Business**
- VI. Adjourn no later than 11:30am**

Pueblo Continuum of Care

August 16, 2016 10:00am

SRDA Room 301 230 North Main Street, Pueblo, CO 81003

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Members Present: Sal Katz, LaTanya Yarbrough, Anne Stattelman, Meagan Schroeder – Posada; Margaret Comstock, Vanessa Brazee – PCCHD; Janina Goodwin – Pueblo Library; Sally Romero – NWP; Chrisanne Galvez – “A Fresh Start”; Lynn Process – Health Dept.; Judy Kagey – Parkview; Sandra Torres – Parkview; Tanya Gurule – Pueblo County Food Distribution; Galen Beaver, Marco Macaluso – Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office; Barbara Ripperger – King of Kings Lutheran; Gabby Morales, Christina Leal – PCHC; Tony Capistrano – Dept. of Revenue; Sister Nancy Crafton – Los Pobres; Marisol Steward – 211; Tammy Torres, Antoinette Garcia, Kimberly Yarbrough Wheeler – DSS; Chris Christensen – Innovage; Lili Avalos – Pueblo County Housing & Human Services; Benjamin Strand – Rocky Mountain Human Services Home for All Vets; Chris Beltran – HUD/VASH; Desiree Carrillo – A I M Global Immersion School; Jon Teisher, Cole Allgera – Homes for All Veterans; Nancy Arredondo – CDOC Parole; James Shanks – Social Security Admin.; Genevieve Johnson – Health Solutions; Melissa Hobkirk – Liver Health Connection; Kristin Castor – CO Cross Disability Coalition; Miranda Ferganchick – VBR; Melissa Bernstein – Southern Colorado AIDS Project

I. Introductions and Updates:

Nancy Arredondo, CDOC Parole: Reentry Specialist, she is focusing on transitional housing so if anyone is interested in doing transitional housing contact her.

Tammy Torres, DSS: Reminder LEAP does not start until Oct. 1st. Only other assistance is if they're approved prior year and need furnace (CIP) help. Clients cannot sign up until Oct. 1st. Income guidelines may increase a little, but won't know until September. Call 583-6160 Main line ask for Ellie Hernandez. Employment First program is going away starting Oct. 1st.

Miranda Ferganchick, DVR: at Pueblo office to work with people with disabilities. All services provided are focused on employment, obtaining or maintaining. Pay for hearing aids, tools, training, job coaching, application / resume assistance, vision help if severe. Have to meet income restrictions, have a necessity, it has to connect to their work. 8th and Main St.

James Shanks, Social Security Administration: Lost 2 employees since last meeting who will not be replaced. Bridget Byerly is the new Public Affairs Specialist – position to meet with people and talk about social security. She will be putting together a monthly newsletter with information.

Lynn Process, Pueblo County Health Dept. Community Services: WIC caseload has gone down greatly, just went to eWIC, reduced barriers to getting served with WIC.

Chrisanne Valdez, A Fresh Start: She is a community member starting a nonprofit, which will umbrella under another nonprofit. The program will be training women. She is looking to collaborate with other people.

Sally Romero, Neighborworks: Coordinate income based program for refrigerators and swamp coolers. Black Hills donates refrigerators and swamp coolers. Clients can be renting, they need a lease and the landlord needs to sign their application. NW processes, BH pays for it. 15-20 refrigerators a week. Lowe's delivers, ABC Plumbing installs.

Melissa Hobkirk, Liver Health Connection: Provides HIV testing for Posada, provides testing at Rawlings library for youth. Starting evening program for testing at Posada once a month.

Melissa Bernstein: Provides free Hep C and HIV testing, opening office in Pueblo. Located at 505 W 8th St. Go to website for more info on Fundraising events.

Kristin Castor, CO Cross Disability Coalition: 1st Thursday of every month from 1-3 at El Pueblo History Museum - City committee. They have general support and advocacy group called Access for All. Meets 4th Monday of every month at Lucero library from 11:30-2.

Janina Goodwin, Rawlings Library: Asking for agencies to let her know how they can support what the agencies are doing.

Lili Avalos, Pueblo County HHS: Came to the meeting to give information about their rental assistance program The details are as follows:

Who: Referrals from Community Agencies and Departments of families who are CSBG eligible and need rental assistance funds to remain in or to move into stable housing.

What: Pueblo County Rental Assistance program will provide rental assistance they need to remain in or obtain stable housing situation.

Where: Pueblo County HHS, 2631 E. 4th.

When: August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

Why: To assist households in obtaining / maintaining stable housing.

How: By providing rental assistance and addressing the housing needs of families while also following the CSBG Federal Objectives.

Goals:

1. Provide assistance to stable housing.
2. Provide and expand supportive services.
3. Monitor Housing stability and sustainability.

The Rental Assistance Program is a plan that is focused on:

- Families who may become or are displaced who have monthly income to support their monthly housing needs

Tanya Gurule, Pueblo County HHS: Let other agencies know "we are here and looking to serve seniors in your area." She handed out a flyer so that seniors can be informed about the program. Her contact information is as follows: Tanya Gurule *Housing & Human Services Food Distribution Manager*
gurulet@co.pueblo.co.us (719) 583-6316
[\(719\) 583-6121](tel:(719)583-6121) Fax

LaTanya Yarbrough, Posada: Homeless Veterans Standdown event on Sept. 30th, 2016 from 10am-2pm at 1st Presbyterian Church on 10th St and Court. Any volunteers are asked to come at 8am.

Tony Capistrano, Department of Motor Vehicles: He answered questions and addressed concerns regarding the issues people have with obtaining ID's and other documents. He stated the documents needed to get an ID are listed on Colorado.gov website. VitalCheck.com is way for people to order Birth Certificates online. Tony's contact information: Tony.Capistrano@state.co.us

II. Minutes from July 2016

III. Continuum of Care

IV. Pueblo Issues

A) Public Utilities Hearing

All Pueblo bill payers are asked to attend the PUC hearing tonight at 4pm at the Pueblo Convention Center to oppose a 9 million dollar rate increase that will be imposed on Black Hills Energy bill payers. Public comment is not limited. Every citizen who wants to speak will be given two minutes to speak.

B) Outreach Trends and Updates—Sal Katz

Sal Katz, Posada's outreach volunteer from the Mission Continues gave an overview of homeless camps in Pueblo. The presentation is available on Posada's website and is frequently updated. Sal is working with law enforcement and professional responders to provide GIS coordinates for all the homeless camps in Pueblo, so that in the case of an emergency all homeless can be reached.

C) Focus Group on Homelessness

D) Homeless Stand Down and Veterans Grant

E) School Supplies and Resources - Go through counselor at the school. Bradford - free backpack giveaway.

V. Other Business

VI. Adjourn

Next meeting at the EOC 101 West 10th Street, Pueblo CO 81003
Tuesday 10:00am September 20, 2016