

Pueblo Continuum of Care Meeting
March 15, 2016 10:00am
Sister Nancy Crafton-Facilitator



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 February 2016: (any corrections/additions)**
- III. Continuum of Care:**
 - A) NOFA Announcements**
 - B) Coordinated Assessment**
- IV. Youth Homelessness**
 - A) Brief Overview Mary Joy Kogovsek**
 - B) Numbers from District 60 and 70**
- V. Other Business**
- VI. Adjourn no later than 11:30am**

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Barbara Wellman Recording

Members Present:

Sister Nancy Crafton-Centro de Los Pobres, Barbara Wellman, Paula Trujillo, LaTanya Yarbrough, Sal Katz, Jr. and Anne Stattelman – Posada, Ben Strand - Rocky Mountain Human Services Amy Miller – Bethlehem Square Apartments, Kathy Cline – Salvation Army Melissa Bernstein – SCAP, Jill Filer - PCCHD, Sally Romero – Neighborworks of Pueblo, Marisol Stewart – ARCH/211, Karen Ashcraft – Pueblo County Sheriff Office, Mike Ometer – RMHS/Homes for all Veterans, George O'Brian – Advocate and Assistive Team Jade Williams Chuck Clamon Pueblo County VSO, Carol Denogean, Krystal Batt - PCHC Grand Avenue Clinic, Avanye Renner and Gaby Morales-PCHC, Kristen Castor – Cross Disability Coalition, George O'Brien-Advocate,

I. Updates and Introductions:

Karen Ashcraft hosted the meeting through the Sherriff's Department. She let people know that in the event of an evacuation, we should all congregate behind the annex building.

Jill Filer with Pueblo City County Health Department is with preparedness and response and continues to work on projects for vulnerable populations.

Kathy Cline with the Salvation Army reported that the warming shelter is open 8 pm to 7 am for men only, currently, they are serving 25 to 35 men per night. Police response time has been good if they are called, so they have no issues that were not manageable. They offer a food pantry Monday & Thursday. She has seen an increase in people needing help with food—one of the biggest increases ever. One of the local churches is offering faith based kids programs. They also serve meals once a day. She is seeing an increase in people who are coming in from out of state. Carol Denogean is currently volunteering at the Salvation Army. Welcome.

Melissa Bernstein with the Colorado AIDs Project is looking for space for their program. They are in need of four offices. They are currently doing HIV testing at 4th and Corona and other locations including Posada and they continue to provide a Syringe exchange at Crossroads Turning Points.

Krystal Batt with the Pueblo Community Health Center Homeless Program on Grand Avenue reported that as of April 1, 2016 Lynn Leyba will be their permanent provider. A behavioral health provider is also now available full time. The walk-in clinic is open Monday through Friday, no appointment is necessary. Avanye Renner added that they are taking new patients and

there is no waiting list, please call the clinic to register by phone 543-8711. There are 26 providers available. Gaby Morales will be working with the Avondale clinic.

Mike Ometer – RMHS/Homes for all Veterans from Colorado Springs, works part time with Ben Strand at Posada. Services for Veterans is short term for those at risk and assistance is available for up to three months.

Sal Katz, is a Posada Volunteer and may be working with an internship, entitled “The Mission Continues.” Sal has graciously agreed to spearhead the Homeless Outreach Project and will be leading the group that is tasked with coordinating GPS coordinates for the homeless camps in Pueblo. The current maps need be updated as the City and County expects homeless numbers to swell this coming spring and summer. The information would be available to first responders, City and County Police and Sherriff departments, and to agencies providing outreach for services to the homeless. Last summer, there were 25 camps identified, and we are expecting large numbers this year. Sal will be working with an interdisciplinary team that will be going out each week –leaving from Posada. If anyone is interesting in this project. Contact Sal through Posada.

Marisol Stewart with ARCH/211 said that she is seeing more elderly and disabled homeless people who have no resources. Calls about needing assistance with utility bills is increasing. Calls from people 51 to 59 have fewer resources available to them. Suicide prevention calls are being routed to another provider now that Suicide Prevention is not operating.

Amy Miller with Bethlehem Square Apartments said that they have openings for three and four bedroom apartments. These apartments are subsidized and applicants must have a clean credit clean record over five years, and be able to provide a Birth Certificate and a Social Security Number.

Kristen Castor CCPC and Pueblo Access for all, is meeting at the Lucero Library on a monthly basis. They are looking for a larger space that is accessible. Please contact Kristen if you know of any space. Additionally Kristen is now an ADA Communication Person 595-4374. She assists with Medicaid denials, and other issues. She also mentioned that disabled individuals need to identify themselves as disabled. A care taker or agency cannot assume just by presentation.

Sally Romero from NeighborWorks of Pueblo said their agency is accepting applications for free refrigerators and swamp coolers. You do not have to be a homeowner.

Sister Nancy Crafton from Centro de Los Pobres is currently serving 900 families from five counties, although most recipients are from Pueblo. Older farm workers continue to be in need of help with food, medication, transportation. Because it has been so warm the fields have been prepared for planting.

Anne Stattelman with Posada spoke about the continued challenges with Black Hills Energy and that the community needs to be activated to prevent further rate increases and to make future decisions about a provider. The City council meeting was well attended and there was good media coverage.

Jade Williams with the Pueblo Rescue Mission reported that they have a new roof! They are working with all new staff and most have case management or social work experience, this is helpful. They are looking at grants to renovate their facility. They are currently at capacity.

Chuck Clamon from Pueblo County Veterans Services reported that the grant he usually works with is off cycle and he is in the process of applying for the new grant for homeless services. He is unclear how much funding there will be for projects. The new national cemetery for veterans is scheduled to open in 2018. The cemetery will be named by the end of the year.

Gale Rodosevich with Colorado Legal Services said that the next clinic in 2016 will take place on March 10, 2016 from 6 to 8 pm. Call 546-6708 for more information. The group will get an email and flyers about the upcoming events. The pro-bono lawyers will deal with civil and criminal issues. Most folks will be able to speak one on one with a lawyer

Patty Kester with the YWCA said that they continue to be very busy. They are not only seeing an increase in numbers but also in length of stay.

Maria Cain with the St Mary Corwin Dorcy Cancer Center said that the Center has a new program, involving intakes to help track cancer and other major illnesses. Genetic Counseling is ongoing.

II. Minutes from January 2016 The minutes were accepted as read

III. Continuum of Care

- a) **Point in Time Count.** Thanks to everyone who participated. All the forms have been sorted and counted and sent to Tom Power at the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. Thanks to Catherine McGibbon, Colorado State University-Pueblo who coordinated the count. The Statewide report will be sent to everyone on email.
- b) **Coordinated Assessment Pilot.** The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) is working with a small number of communities to work on a Coordinated Assessment Project. Pueblo is one community. Roz Wheeler Bell from CCH will be working with Posada to coordinate MOU's. The larger TA group will be working with Rocky Mountain Homes for All Veterans to see if there can be coordination with VI-SPDAT with Veterans and homeless organizations.

IV. The Report on Youth Homelessness was tabled until next month. Sal Katz and others spoke in depth about using Geographic Information Systems and that work would need to be done so that the County and City systems would talk to each other. Karen Ashcraft said that the CAD system used by the County does not coordinate with the City systems.

Sister Nancy Crafton asked... Along those lines, would it be possible to create lists of "bad housing" and bad areas—high crime, poor housing stock so that clients could have a heads up about where not to rent? Also could a list be kept about bad

landlords? There have been websites and a Facebook page devoted to bad landlords in the past but no one is monitoring that now.

The City of Pueblo does have standards for habitation, but there is no enforcement and landlords are able to rent out units in any condition. Citizens can make complaints to the Regional Building Department but often the structure is tagged and the occupants are evicted. Several people indicated that there are several landlords who they would not refer clients to, but because of lack of availability of housing, they have no other choice.

There would be a number of steps involved with a process for identification. The definition of a bad landlord and what constitutes a bad property would have to be demarcated. Help could be provided to assist landlords who are willing to improve their properties. George O'Brian told of a community that fixed streets and cleaned up public areas in poor and neglected areas of their city, resulting in neighborhoods displaying civic pride by painting houses, cleaning yards, etc.

Continuum of Care members could help to create lists. Maps of areas that are high crime, have slums, or other issues could be identified. Sal is willing to work with members to create mapping.

- V. There was no other business.**
- VI. The meeting adjourned at 10:58am**

The next meeting of the Continuum of Care will take place Tuesday March 16th at 10:00am at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Center 101 West 10th. St., Pueblo CO 81003

