

Pueblo Continuum of Care
Minutes for January 17, 2017
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Members Present: Christina Leal, Avanye Renner, Gabby Morales – PCHC; Sister Nancy Crafton – Los Pobres; Antoinette Garcia – DSS; Augustine Garcia – Bridgeway; Kathy Cline – Salvation Army; Bridget Byerly – SSA; Paula Trujillo, Meagan Schroeder, Anne Stattelman – Posada; Nancy Arredondo CDOC Parole; Amanda Cooper – Christlife Ministries; Benjamin Strand, Alison Gerbig – RMHS/HAV; Jill Kidd – Pueblo City Schools; Edie De La Torre – Cooperative Care; Stephen Bundy, Mary Hobbs – VA HUD/VASH; Karla Cordova, Tina Gage – Integrated Community Health Partners (ICHP); Anthony Mason – Pueblo Workforce Center; Pamela Barola – CCDP Re/Tire; Julie Valdez – SRDA; Evie Harris – Catholic Charities; Vanessa Brazee – PCCHD; Marco Macaluso, Galen Beaver – (PCDC); Carla Whybrew – Health Solutions; Jim Carmack – Pueblo Rescue Mission; Adrian Medina – Pueblo County Veteran Services; Janina Goodwin – Pueblo Library; Gail Rodosevich – CLS.

I. Updates and Introductions

Sister Nancy, Los Pobres: Deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA), told not to fill out anymore applications for new clients. Commodities at Pueblo County numbers are down. For those 60 and over.

Gail Rodosevich, CO Legal Services: They were told hiring another attorney is on hold. Will continue doing normal services. They don't know about funding after March 31, it could be cut.

Christina Leal, PCHC: Still accepting homeless patients, insured or not insured at the 1008 N Grand office.

Avanye Renner, PCHC: Slow growth process, they haven't been able to hire 4 providers they lost. There is no waiting list, but if they don't meet the pregnant, homeless, farm worker, HIV positive or child, they are unable to help them.

Bridget Byerly, SSA: If any organizations need training, understanding, advising clients how to apply for benefits, etc. she can come help. T and Th are for walk-ins. They stopped mailing paper SS statements except for people over age 60.

Provide services that help people reach employment goals, have to have a type of disability. Office is at 720 N Main St. First step is to have a client call the office, over the phone orientation, assess if they meet base criteria, they come in get application and schedule in take appointment.

Edie De La Torre, COOP: Last year helped 17,000 families, provided services for over 33,000 individuals.

Mary Hobbs, VA HUD/VASH: New staff starting shortly. Employment counselor and 2 case managers.

Alison Gerbig, RMHS HAV: BOS served 414 veterans last year, 264 homeless, 155 homeless prevention. They are reapplying for a new grant.

Ben Strand, RMHS HAV: The best days for services at Posada for VA are Wednesday afternoons.

Adrian Medina, Pueblo County Veterans Services: Funding available for veterans.

Anthony Mason, Pueblo Workforce Center: Works with Veterans with Significant barriers to employment.

Karla Cordov, ICHP: One of 7 regional collaboratives. New part of Medicare to provide care coordination for members. Located in the Thatcher building on the 2nd floor. They have partners all over the state, anyone can give a referral, anyone can call about clients, etc. They work to integrate health, physical and behavioral.

Amanda Cooper, Christlife Ministries: Transitional housing, have some beds open right now, have new locations – B Street have taken over all the rooms. Have contract with Pearl St. Provide peer coaching, substance abuse issues, Bible studies, freedom from addictive behaviors, Bicycle program, parenting classes (Parents on a Mission, focuses on parents letting go of their past). They do not house families because they do have SO's in their properties. They do house those on probation.

Evie Harris, Catholic Charities: Runs Rehire Colorado. Located at Workforce Building. Starting new grant as of January. The current funding is available until the end of 2018. Served 85 clients last year, placed 50 in transitional jobs.

Antoinette Garcia, DHS: Currently just hired 7 positions at main location. Just lost 4 employees at the North building. LEAP Program started. Some customers may have food stamps that may have been decreased because of the COLA increase for social security. WIC will be at the main location at least 1x a week. WIC is looking to be expanded to fruit, fish, produce, etc. WIC applications and LEAP have been down.

Kathy Cline, Salvation Army: All programs around 38,000 for the year. Holidays – Christmas, 3026 kids served for Christmas. Recipient of \$200,000 gift from church, that has been placed elsewhere and going towards development of community over on Prairie. Warming shelter will be open until March 31, 2017 this year, after that unknown. They are not closing doors in Pueblo, there will be a shift of services with the opening of the community center on Prairie. More focused on youth, families, and some senior programs. Food pantry, M and Th 12-2. Utilities-getting referrals from Catholic Charities. Utility Assistance funds are through Denver. Pueblo usually gets the bulk of the funds. Last quarter was around \$30,000.

Janina Goodwin, Rawlings Library: Open to everyone, partnered with D60 and 70 and now almost every student has a library card. Can check out books with their student ID now.

Julie Valdez, SRDA 211 ADRC: Call center, referrals, have 1 more open enrollment Sat 28th 9am-2pm at SRDA. On Feb 1 start to do taxes M-Th 9am-2pm.

Vanessa Brazee, PCCHD: Pueblo alliance for food access – gives you every food pantry for Pueblo county and surrounding county.

Carla Whybrew, Health Solutions: Has several voucher programs, all waitlists are closed. Once they are served will reopen lists. Montebello office is working well, better collaboration.

Jill Kidd, Pueblo City Schools, Acting Homeless Liaison for D60: Hopefully will hire new employee next week. Nutrition services-offer breakfast and lunch in every school free of charge. Offer supper meals in 12 of the schools (can be offered in schools that have after school program of 1 hour in length). Challenge is the funding for after school programs. 4 schools have food pantries. Title 10, have 1400 students identified as homeless. D70 doesn't meet requirements for all the free food programs.

Augustine Garcia, Bridgeway: Privately funded, will apply for grants, trying to acquire properties in Pueblo for housing for individuals coming out of prison emphasis but will also help men, women, families. Are trying to comply with Disabilities.

Mark Macaluso, PCDC, JPS program: receive money to provide treatment to individuals while they're incarcerated. Substance abuse, mental health, help with reentry services. Partner with several community agencies to get them treatment they need. Help with costs when they get out, ex: childcare costs. Help around 200 people a year. Help get them services with partnering agencies when they get out. Not currently any program addressing clients with gang affiliations. Security staff run many of the programs. They have a briefing every month so individuals who are running the groups can meet with people for support.

II. Minutes from November 2016

Minutes were accepted.

III. Continuum of Care

a. Point in Time Count

PIT-Sheltered and unsheltered count starting January 24th-27th. For the night of 24th. Posada team members, and police recruits will go out to camps. YWCA, Jail, PRM, Salvation Army, Posada. Will work with DSS this year. If you know of anyone else let Anne know. PIT is always an undercount, but it's our best shot to see who's homeless in Pueblo. It's important that we can show people we have more than antidotal information on how many people are coming to Pueblo homeless.

b. HUD Awards for Balance of State

Permanent Housing and Rapid Rehousing have been refunded. We are worried about what will happen with HUD. Increasingly difficult to get funds. We work with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) to make sure Pueblo gets a fair share of funding.

IV. Pueblo Issues

a. Current services

b. Closing of Salvation Army Warming Shelter

c. Black Hills Energy---PEF and Re-Volt Pueblo

Re-Volt Pueblo and Pueblo's Energy Future. Frances A. Koncilja was very successful in last rate case. BHE is asking for her recusal. Josh and Glenn were 2 commissioners on PUC both resigned. They appointed 2 additional people in favor of BHE. Governor's office is best way to let them know by fax. BHE shut off more than 7,000 households in the last calendar year. It creates homelessness in the community. BHE is not making changes. It is very difficult to keep people in housing.

V. Debrief on Holiday Events

VI. Other Business