

Pueblo Continuum of Care Meeting
July 19, 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 June 2016: (any corrections/additions)**
- III. **Continuum of Care:**
- IV. **Pueblo Issues**
 - A) **Black Hills Energy upcoming meetings and rate case**
 - B) **Outreach trends and updates**
 - C) **Upcoming Homeless Stand Down**
 - D) **Available resources for kids for school this fall**
- V. **Other Business**
- VI. **Adjourn no later than 11:30am**

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June 21, 2016
10:00am Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Center
101 West 10th. St., Pueblo CO 81003
Ada Rivera Clark Facilitating
Barbara Wellman Recording

Members Present:

Ada Clark – City of Pueblo, LaTanya Yarbrough, Celeste Espinoza, Tamara Peralta, Barbara Wellman, Sal Katz, Jr. and Anne Stattelmann – Posada, Ben Strand, Alison Gerbig - Rocky Mountain Human Services, Genevieve Johnson – Health Solutions, Dirk Stadlander – King of King Church, Melissa Bernstein – SCAP, Galen Beaver – Pueblo County Sheriff Office, Marco Macaluso – PCDC JBBS, Corinna Carcellero – PCDSS APS, Edie DeLaTorre – COOP, Gaby Morales, Krystal Batt – PCHC, Kathy Cline – Salvation Army, Marisol Stewart, Roberta Tafoya – Crossroads Turning Points, Inc., Jill Filer, Pueblo County Health Department, Avanye Renner – PCTTE, Patty Kester – YMCA, Kristen Castor – CCPC, Linda Perkins – Christ Life Ministries, Jessie Mitchell – News 5

I. Updates and Introductions

Jill Filer, Pueblo County Health Department. 7/15/17 through 7/17/17 there will be a federally mandated full scale emergency exercise. More information coming.

Eddie DeLaTorre, COOP hosted annual kid's day on June 20th for children's awareness month. Experienced a good attendance. Will have activities in July and August if you have client with children who want to participate.

Sal Katz, Posada. In the past month, he experienced 100 homeless encounters 22 were from out of state, 34 new people. He is seeing more heroin users, increase in health issues at the soup kitchens and camps.

Anne Stattelmann, Posada. Joel Warner, formerly with Colorado Public Radio shadowed one of Posada's Transitional Aged Youth earlier this year, both pieces are well done and the links are below.

<http://www.ibtimes.com/marijuana-legalization-colorado-how-recreational-weed-attracting-people-spiking-2374204>

<http://www.ibtimes.com/marijuana-legalization-pot-brings-poor-people-colorado-whats-being-done-help-them-2378769>

Celeste Espinoza, Tamara Peralta have joined Posada as interns this summer, welcome.

Kristen Castor, CCPC is a non-attorney helping individuals appeal Medicaid denials. Support group is meeting Monday from 11:30 – 2:00 at Lucero Library.

Alison Gerbig, Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS.) Alison is the program manager for RMHS, Mike Ometer had a grant from HUD, but funding has not been renewed. He cannot accept new clients but will be available for follow up can follow up with existing clients until March of 2017.

Marco Macaluso Polk CO Detention center. He is involved with community agencies in trying to help clients have a better start when they are released.

Carina Carcellero, Pueblo County Adult Protection DSS. Last Wednesday they hosted an event at the Pueblo Mall for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Thirty five agencies participated. Mandatory reporting begins for the IDD population beginning on July 1. Training and forms are available.

Kathy Cline Salvation Army. Summer camp for children begins on July 11th. Spots are still open if anyone has clients with children who are interested. New funds for utilities will be available of 7/1, Kathy can start taking applications on July 5th, and does applications on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 2 and 3.

Linda Perkins, Christ Life Ministries provided a hand out to the meeting participants, detailing the services offered by her organization.

Genevieve Johnson – Health Solutions. Due to budget cuts, Health Solutions is phasing out their Payeeship program. They will no longer be payee for their clients,

Krystal Batt, PCHC. They have seen a decrease of TB testing. They currently have a permanent medical provider and a mental health provider at the Grand office.

Gabbie Morales, PCHC is registering migrant workers as new patients between April 30th and September 30th. They are still hiring for providers.

Roberta Tafoya, Crossroads Turning Points, Inc., reports that they are at full capacity, with 30 beds in the detox unit. Lately, on several occasions, pregnant women near the end of their pregnancies, have entered the unit, two had to be taken to the hospital to deliver the babies. They are seeing an increased number of youth as well.

Jessica Mitchell, News at 5 visits our meeting while doing a story about outreach for the homeless.

Dirk Robert King of Kings Lutheran Church. The church is sponsoring a week of service September 4th through September 11th, during this time, volunteers provide services to agencies needing help with such things as painting, clean up, etc. They are asking that you submit your request to Kenna Lawson no later than the 19th of July, so that they have time to coordinate the volunteers.

Carla Cordova, Frontier Home Health Care and Hospice, offers a program called Frontier Integrated Health Solutions does casework for people requiring health care coordination, doing referrals, help with organizing health care, etc. Chronic Condition Self-Management Workshop

on July 14th in English, will help teach clients to assume responsibility for their own care, for Diabetes and Chronic Conditions.

Melissa Bernstein, SCRAP. The office is moving to 505 West 8th St. as of July 7th. To this end, their office will be closed July 4th through July 6th. They will be combining case management and prevention.

Marisol Stewart, doing Medicare and Medicaid referrals, applications and assisting with questions.

2016 PIT Count did a short survey for persons in shelter for CCH. The report will be sent out via email. One interesting stat, 200 shelter beds in Pueblo County. In January need strong participation in the next survey.

State meeting CCH – is coming up. If anyone has other than what is in the COC minutes let us know and it will be reported to the state.

Data collection - - Why isn't the homeless showing up in Washington State? Other states don't seem to be having the same issues that Colorado is experiencing. We need to know what the influx is, and what services are needed, so forward any data collection you are able to supply. With heat as extreme as it is, instead of giving money to panhandlers, give water to Posada, or the Soup Kitchen, so that it can be passed out to the homeless. More heroin addicts are in the camps. We are trying to identify individuals who need health care, and try to send them to the appropriate agencies.

The Pueblo Chieftain and Channel 5 are going with Sal for outreach, trying to address issues, and bring them to the forefront, Just in June Sal discovered 2 camps, with 2 couples, who were out all day laid out high on heroin. In June, Marisol had more calls relating to addiction, which is new just this month.

How much water is needed to prevent dehydration? Depending on the level of activity, hydrate the day before activity. Rule of thumb, ½ of your body weight. Posada will email information regarding this.

Pueblo has very little affordable housing that is available to our local population. Ted Ortivez, with Housing Authority, reports that one problem is, some of the available housing can't pass basic inspections. We have asked HUD to increase the amount of the voucher, but they don't increase the funding, so you can't win. The Feds don't understand the problems and don't want to understand the problems. We can't afford to build the houses. Regulations are keeping people from being able to do their jobs. Cash buyers are buying up houses, gutting home and creating grow houses.

The government had no answers, or help. Communities are on their own to change the situation.

Community awareness, might help to change the situation, what can we do for ourselves?

Vision Statement, mission statements? We have structures, the money is based on services, and the funding is directed. It is very limiting. Foundation money, grant money has more freedom. We have old housing stock, and this is our problem to solve.

- II. Minutes from the May 17th meeting were approved as read by the group.
- III. Continuum of Care
 - A) 2016 Shelter PIT Numbers from the CCH Report—sent to all by email
 - B) Any issues for upcoming Balance of State Meeting—none other than what was spoken about in regards to the lack of affordable housing and no new State or Federal dollars to address the need.
- IV. Pueblo Issues:
 - A) Data Collection: Please continue to keep anecdotal and statistical data on new people and trends your agency is seeing during this summer. Numbers can be sent to Anne Stattelmann at Posada or Ada Clark at the City of Pueblo.
 - B) Sal reiterated information in regards to the growing numbers of people and camps along the watersheds in Pueblo. He will update the group monthly.
 - C) The Memorial and Picnic: Petra McCulley Picnic and Memorial Remembrance Celebration, in Grome Park, in memory of Petra McCulley, who was a great supporter of Posada, and a former board member. If you know of any homeless person who passed away this past year, please pass this information along to Posada, so that they can be remembered at the Memorial. Per the information we currently have, only 7 passed this year, last year there were 14. We will have the Memorial first, followed by a picnic serving hamburgers and hot dogs. We will host the Take Care Fair, agencies are there to give information, provide services, etc. We have activities for kids. The Soup Kitchen will be closed, and we will give rides to the park.
 - D) PUC Complaint Process: A document was passed out to the group that gives information on how to make a complaint to the Public Utilities Commission. During the first quarter Black Hills Energy shut off 2016 households in its electric territory. About one third are reconnected. Consumers have no protection. Elderly are getting shut off. Marisol reported that one lady had a \$1000 bill, with someone tapping into her services. BHEAP program is being paid by customers. This program is at the discretion of Black Hills, they can just cut them off, without giving notice, sent a cut off notice, and cut you service, with \$2000 to \$4000 bills for individuals. Black Hills has established a strict policy regarding EOC in order to have permission from customers to talk to them. Energy resource plan is gearing up, because Pueblo is one of their most profitable centers.
- V. Other Business---there being none the meeting
- VI. Adjourned at 11:02am

End 11:02