

Pueblo Continuum of Care Meeting
June 21, 2016 10:00am
We will need a facilitator for this meeting
Barbara Wellman-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 May 2016: (any corrections/additions)**
- III. Continuum of Care:**
 - A) 2016 Shelter Point in Time Numbers**
 - B) Issues for Upcoming State Meeting**
- IV. Pueblo Issues**
 - A) Data Collection**
 - B) Outreach—estimated count of homeless in camps and along river**
 - C) Memorial and Picnic June 25, 2016**
 - D) PUC Complaint Process**
- V. Other Business**
- VI. Adjourn no later than 11:30am**

Pueblo Continuum of Care
May 17, 2016
10:00am Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Center
101 West 10th. St., Pueblo CO 81003
Sister Nancy Crafton Facilitating
Barbara Wellman Recording

Members Present:

Sister Nancy Crafton-Centro de Los Pobres, Mary Joy Kogovsek, Barbara Wellman, Sal Katz, Jr. and Anne Stattelman – Posada, Mike Ometer, Ben Strand - Rocky Mountain Human Services Genevieve Johnson – Health Solutions, Ada Clark, Kevin Ortiz – City of Pueblo, Kenna Lawson – King of King Church, Melissa Bernstein – SCAP, Galen Beaver – Pueblo County Sheriff Office, Sally Romero – Neighborworks of Pueblo, Nancy Hall - Red Cross, Edie Del A – COOP, Taryn Bailey – Planned Parenthood RSEI, Gaby Morales, Krystal Batt – PCHC, Kathy Cline – Salvation Army, Nancy Ward, George Blansett, Steve Bundy, Mary Hobbs – VA HUD VASH, Brian Gallagher - Dept. of Housing, Avanye Renner – PCTTE, George O'Brian, Patty Kester – YMCA, Kristen Castor – CCPC, Christina Tigner, Evie Harris – Catholic Charities, Linda Perkins – Christ Life Ministries, Nancy Arredondo – CDOC Parole, Chris Christensen - Innovage

I. Updates and Introductions:

Sister Nancy Crafton – If you drive bus route 50, you will see that we have a good crop year so far. Housing is scarce, one farmer has 12 workers with no housing. If anyone has any ideas... Housing Authority?

Chris-Innovage 55 and over program is all inclusive care through Medicaid—coordinated care, medical help including transportation is available to help clients. Located at Northern and Evans, Chris is happy to show the facility if you are interested.

Kenna Lawson—King of Kings Church September 4 to September 11, God's work our hands. This is usually a one-day affair, but this year, the congregation is doing a full week of service to the community.

Please let them know if you have a project that King of Kings can help with during that week.

Krystal Batt - Pueblo Community Health Care for the Homeless has a Full Time Provider

Gaby Morales - PCHC Migrant Coordinator is doing outreach with the field workers.

Mary Hobbs - Hud/Vash PHA- Reports that she has ten additional vouchers for homeless vets available. The Stand Down will take place on the last Friday in September

Mary Joy, Posada—The Youth drop in center is seeing more kids. Some are accessing mental health, employment and housing.

Nancy Arredondo, Parole is wrapping up the year, working on transitional housing for parolees.

Linda Perkins— Christ Life Ministries is at 13th and Main. Walk in or referrals from 9 to 4 Monday through Thursday. They help to provide transitional housing, and work readiness for those on parole, and offer counseling for domestic violence.

Michael Ometer, Rocky Mt. Home FOR ALL VETS located at Posada offers a wide range of services, and partners with other agencies to offer the best available services for vets.

Melissa Bernstein---So Colo Aids Project/PCHC/ reports that Red Ribbon Ball was a success. They are having trouble finding housing especially for those with past evictions.

Christina Tigner, Catholic Charities Home Stability Funding, is running out of funds for utility assistance, but still is able to help with water bills if you have a shut off notice. They are pleased to offer children programs for infants and children, getting ready for school or preschool, which have been very successful. They offer housing assistance, and can help with foreclosure. Located at 429 West 10th ST.

Edie Catholic charities Rehire Colorado located at the workforce center has a second grant for a transitional job program to assist vets 50 and older, get employment, assists resumes, etc. This program pays 12 weeks of wages plus benefits to employers who are willing to hire their clients. HB1290---will continuing the program through CC through 2019.

Genevieve Johnson - Mental Health Solutions at Posada, offers therapy and case management to the homeless. Mental Health Solutions has moved substance abuse treatment to 41 Montebello, where medical facilities are also available. You can call and request a same day appointment.

Kathie Cline - Salvation Army – Utility funding received on April 1st has been spent, leaving no funding available for utilities for the rest of this quarter. The Children’s summer day camp will be available to children ages 6 to 12. They have the capacity to care for forty kids.

Patty Kester - YWCA – works with ACOVA to provide assistance with domestic violence, offering help with restraining orders, counseling.

Marina Pueblo Community health center – lost 4 providers gained 2, accepting new patients, but the wait might be lengthy.

Brian Gallagher- Dept. of City Housing is visiting the meeting to review what is happening in the community.

Taryn Bailey – Planned Parenthood RSEI visits us from Colorado Springs. They offer Sexual education classes for youth, from about the fifth grade level through adult. This includes health information, teaching communication, consent, and refusal skills. Also offer parent trainings. They have the ability to come to your facility. If needed, they can provide classes in Spanish.

Edie DelaTorre— continues to see many new faces coming through and increasingly, they are not very nice.

Galen Beaver Pueblo County Sheriff's office through the JVS program. Tanya is now working with San Carlos, Marco Marcoluso will be replacing her. Galen can reiterated that he can help obtain ID's for formerly incarcerated clients.

Nancy Hall –Red Cross offers immediate help within the first three days of a disaster. She is having issues helping people find permanent housing. On May 11th, the Red Cross hosted an emergency exercise at the AIG palace at the fairgrounds, putting emphasis on serving those with disabilities. Service animals, individuals with disabilities, a person trained in using American Sign Language were involved.

Sally Romero—Neighborworks-offers Swamp coolers and refrigerators to landlords and renters.

Sal Katz Jr--- Homeless Outreach Coordinator reports 50 encounters in the last month -20 were new-7 youth that were on the street, He helped one client, who was in danger of losing a leg, get into the hospital.

Kristen Castor – CCPC For persons with chronic conditions and disabilities, Medicaid has been difficult to work with. The relationship with Medicaid has deteriorated to the point that the Legislature has set up meetings with the disabled community to try to improve communication. A workshop will be held on 6/2/16 for city and county staff, for service animals and effective communication. ADA definition of a service animal is a dog or miniature horse that is trained to provide a specific service or skill to the person who owns it. A doctor can sign a letter for a companion animal—this can only work to help with housing.

George O'Brian attended a meeting at library with social workers, counselors, etc. regarding opiate addiction.

III. Continuum of Care

Ada Rivera-Clark, City of Pueblo announced that applications for CDBG funding grants are available.

HUD is making a shift to fund permanent housing, claiming that housing is their focus, and supportive services are better served by social services. Because of this shift, many programs that helped Rural Colorado deal with homelessness are gone. As a community, we will weather this situation by coordinating our services as best we can.

Ada will be in Denver for training for next 3 days, HUD Caper reports have been changed, excluding supportive services. They don't want supportive services. They want beds, they focus on Housing.

Aurora is getting 1.5 million Pot funding for homeless population.

IV. Pueblo Issues

Anne Stattelman – Posada, Families with no place to go are increasing numbers. There is no housing available. Landlords are increasing deposits, requiring clean credit, etc. On top of everything else, Black hills is looking for rate increase. We urge you to send complaints to PUC. Encourage your clients to write. There are forms online. Ron Davis with the PUC says they will

read everything that is sent to them, regardless of whether they are on the form or not, or even hand written letters.

Officers with in the Salvation Army must change ministries within the Salvation Army, usually every 2 to 5 years, to that end Pueblo is getting two Captains from California, Jose and Marina Martinez. This transition takes place on July 1st. No changes are planned at this time. Kathy is starting to work for the angle tree program. This will be year number four. The warming shelter has one more year. Nothing is etched in stone after that.

Rennie Bagan - Colorado Nonprofit Coalition will be working with City of Pueblo, to give us more of a voice for nonprofits.

Please continue data collections regarding newcomers coming to the community. Pete Roper is working on a story about the impact Marijuana is having on our community. We would like to get information from the clerk and recorder, to get numbers from auto registrations regarding newcomers to our community.

LaTanya Yarbough with Posada will host our annual picnic, Petra McCulley Memorial Remembrance Celebration on 6/25 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p.m. at Grome park, on the corner of Abriendo and Jewell. This year we will have the memorial first and then the picnic. This event also includes the take care fair, with health screenings, immunizations, haircuts and other community services. Please forward inform to us regarding homeless people who lost their lives this year so that we can remember them at the memorial.

The Stand Down will take place on the last Friday in September, more details later.

V. Other business

Lou Mercer, brought in a blanket made from plastic bags. They are soft, can be washed, and it would seem that they would be good to keep moisture away from the person using it. The bags are crocheted and have to be cut a certain way. Thanks Lou.

Adjourned 11:02

