

Pueblo Continuum of Care Meeting
January 17, 2017
10:00am
101 West 10th Street Pueblo, Colorado 81003
Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center
Sister Nancy Crafton-Facilitator
Meagan Schroeder-Recorder

- I. **Updates and Introductions:** If your agency has extensive updates consider emailing them to: Meagan.Schroeder@posadapueblo.org prior to the meeting so that all the information is entered correctly in the minutes.
- II. **Minutes from November 2016: (any corrections/additions)**
- III. **Continuum of Care:**
 - a) Point in Time Count: Sheltered and Unsheltered Count-forms and preparation for the night of January 24th. (Jan 25, 26th and 27th.)
 - b) HUD Awards for Balance of State
- IV. **Pueblo Issues:**
 - a) Current services
 - b) Closing of the Salvation Army Warming Shelter
 - c) Black Hills Energy----PEF and Re-Volt Pueblo
- V. **Debrief on Holiday Events:**
- VI. **Other Business:**

Adjourn no later than 11:30am



Pueblo Continuum of Care

November 15, 2016 10:00am
EOC 101 West 10th St., Pueblo, CO 81003
Facilitator Sister Nancy Crafton
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Members Present: Christina Leal, Avanye Renner – PCHC; Sister Nancy Crafton – Los Pobres; Antoinette Garcia – DSS; Kristin Castor – CO Cross Disability Coalition; Violet Pierce – Bridgeway; Augustine Garcia – Bridgeway; Kathy Cline – Salvation Army; Brenda Nemick – SRDA; Bridget Byerly – SSA; Judith Nicholson – Center for Disabilities; Paula Trujillo, Meagan Schroeder, LaTanya Yarbrough – Posada; Judy Kagey – Parkview; Nancy Arredondo CDOC Parole; Linda Perkins, Jalyn Perkins – Christlife Ministries; Roger Kincade – Bridgeway; Rev. Kevin Olsen, Rebecca Vigil – PEF; Nancy Ward, HUD VASH VA; Alison Gerbig, RMHS/HAV; Cecile Martinez, Rachel Soto – Crossroads Turning Points; Jill Kidd – Pueblo City Schools; Kenna Lawson – King of Kings; Gaby Morales – PCHC; Patty Kester – YWCA; Melissa Bernstein – SCAP.

I. Updates and Introductions

Kristin Castor, CO Cross Disability: Brochures on service dogs can be ordered from the Rocky Mountain ADA Center at [1-800-949-4232](tel:1-800-949-4232) or from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Colorado Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
1575 Sherman Street,
Garden Level
Denver, CO 80203

www.ccdhh.com

email.ccdhh@state.co.us

[720-457-3679](tel:720-457-3679) (VP/voice)

[303-866-4824](tel:303-866-4824) (voice)

[303-866-4831](tel:303-866-4831) (fax)

For local advocacy, contact Dale Buterbaugh. Groups over 2 or 3 require an interpreter.

Dale Buterbaugh [719-289-7987](tel:719-289-7987) colodeaf.adaconsulting@yahoo.com

Nancy Ward, VA HUD VASH team: Nancy will be moving jobs to Vet Center on Eagleridge to work with combat veterans.

Ben Strand, RMHS/HAV: Grant funded program to provide housing and supportive services to homeless veterans throughout state of CO. Work with vets 3 months at a time.

Cecile Martinez, Crossroads: Works in detox, always busy, usually full with 30 people. Most people are under 25. Meth program has more counselors, clients are starting to get enrolled.

Jill Kidd, PCS: Provide services for students who are homeless to keep them in regular attendance at school. Last year ended with 1800 homeless students, 10% of students. Funded for 3 tutors, only one employee, looking for 2 positions. Hiring new liaison to do case management. Position is part time and low pay. 1500 students back in school this year out of the 1800. Job posted in website.

Violet Pearson, Bridgeway: Looking at affordable housing in Pueblo. A number of people need low income housing. Looking to rehabilitate old properties. Multi unit apartment complexes. There is a former halfway house they are trying to acquire and use as a shelter.

Kathy Cline, Salvation Army: Reopening the warming shelter tonight. Was suspended because of staff issues. Open from 9pm-7am until March 31. 7 days a week. Have a meal M-S at 4, noon on Sundays. M and TH 12-2 food pantry. Utility assistance is out of funds until January 2017. Funding going through divisional headquarters in Denver and is gone. Anticipating more funding after January 1st. Doing Angel Tree, both school districts have received applications. Each school given 20-25 family applications. Started receiving those back. Given out all children's names so far. Last year about 3400 children, need help to get those toys in. Distributing the 21st-23rd gifts to families who have registered at 401 S. Prairie.

Patty Kester, YWCA: Running full, seeing more and more people from out of the area.

Bridget Byerly, SSA: If anyone needs training let her know.

Melissa Bernstein, Southern Co Aids Project: Working with PCHC to put on Dec. 1, World Aids Day Event at Rawlings Library on 4th Floor at 5:30, speakers begin at 6pm. Will have personal testimonials as well. Advertising through email, flyers.

Christina, PCHC: Accepting new patients, averaging 300 a month. Slow growth process, not closing clinic, but limiting regulations. Have around 3-6 new patients a day. Have a list of providers in communities who are accepting applications. Have 25,000 active patients.

Rebecca Vigil, Outreach Energy: Clean energy advocates, mission to secure a clean energy future for Pueblo.

Rev. Kevin Olsen, PEF: Leader with Anne, part of Faith Leaders in Action, 20 congregations, working in Pueblo to improve community and stand up for human rights.

Brenda Nemick, SRDA: Medicare open enrollment ends Dec. 9. Finding Connect for Health Colorado, 2 providers for 2017, Kaiser and Anthem. Make sure doctor takes those plans. Getting a lot of calls for people wanting to know about Thanksgiving baskets.

Judy Kagey, Parkview: Work on Medicaid inside the system, open to public, you don't have to be patient of Parkview. Do indigent care program, they do have to have current account with Parkview. Connect for Health CO, try to run gambit on health insurance from one end to another. Working Adults with Disabilities – buy in programs, have to have limited disability, it works up to age of 64. Income limit on that is huge. Disability, already have SSI-disability is automatic, or client can complete disability application. It can be a health condition lasting 12 months, temporary, limited, permanent, patient bring medical records, send off to state contractor to have the doctor look it over. Working adults, have to have income only have to earn \$1/month. Phone number: 584 4508. Location: 15th and Grand. Do not refer everyone to Judy, there are 7 employees in the office who can help.

Judy Nicholson- Center for Disabilities: Not at Berkeley anymore. New location is 901 W. 8th. Averaging 50-60 calls a day for services.

Gail, CO Legal Services: Provides civil services to indigent and low income. Might be getting another attorney in January. Federally funded. That attorney would be a VOCA attorney to include DV, divorce, custody, housing. Still doing eviction 545-6708 and dial ext. 444. Have notices in hand. Setting clinics now for the future, try to do one every month.

LaTanya Yarbrough, Posada: Youth program averages 6-7 kids a day. Ages 25 or younger, open 8-12 M-F. People are not able to rent affordable, decent housing because the places are bad in that they can't safely live there, i.e. mold, etc. 10 units in Elko Shelter. Currently no openings.

Melissa Hobkirk, Liver Health Connection: Hep C and HIV testing for homeless youth in Pueblo, Springs, and Boulder. Provide referrals to PCHC, and SCAP.

II. Minutes from October

Minutes were accepted.

III. Continuum of Care:

a. Point in Time Count. PIT counts will take place during the last 10 days of January.

List of programs included in the PIT count passed out. If there are any programs that need to be added, please let Anne Stattelmann know.

b. Review Programs to be surveyed

IV. Pueblo Issues

a. Black Hills Energy

We are trying to convince the City to intervene on rate cases. The PUC hearing held in August will have a decision made in December. The rumor is that the rate will be given. Office of Consumer Council, informs PUC, suggested to give a small rate increase but not the whole increase. BHE has agreed to meet with leaders of PEF, residential bill of rights, and a commercial customer bill of rights. Customers should be treated in this way. Have met with them twice and gone over the bills of rights and they've agreed to work on some issues. They are claiming that they will change the reconnection fee which is \$50 and \$75 if a weekend to lower it. Smart meters – a lot of customers are on that, which they can turn services on or off remotely. We asked them to eliminate their deposit fee for reconnection. Came back with a proposal, may offer a \$75 deposit towards the deposit, then they would pay over 2 months a 2-month deposit. Timeline is between now and end of 2nd Quarter of 2017. We encouraged them to do it much faster, in writing by end of 1st Quarter. Several utility companies are having success in saying if you make payments on time, we'll credit you a certain amount. It's an incentive for people to make regular payments. Timeline is 3rd Quarter of 2017. Seems to be some internal conflict within BHE. PEF is saying even if they make these changes, it's still not the energy company we want. They will be working with City Council to educate them and then investigate the things they can do within the franchise agreement that can make some change happen. It could mean BHE is out possibly. City of Boulder has done this with Xcel. That's a 4-year project. Keyword: Slow. PEF wrote a grant and hired a community organizer, Rebecca Vigil.

b. Holiday Dinners and Toy Drives

c. Shelter and Outreach for the Winter Months

V. Other Business

No meeting in December.

VI. Adjourn

