

Pueblo Continuum of Care

October 18, 2016 10:00am
EOC 101 West 10th St., Pueblo, CO 81003
Facilitator Sister Nancy Crafton
Recorder Meagan Schroeder

Members Present: Vanessa Brazee – PCCHD; Sally Romero – NWP; Christina Leal, Avanye Renner – PCHC; Sister Nancy Crafton – Los Pobres; Antoinette Garcia – DSS; Mary Hobbs – VA HUD/VASH; Desiree Carrillo – Summit Education; Kristin Castor – CO Cross Disability Coalition; Violet Pierce – Bridgeway; Augustine Garcia – Bridgeway; Ada Rivera-Clark – City of Pueblo; Kathy Cline – Salvation Army; Brenda Nemick – SRDA; Bridget Byerly – SSA; Evie Harris – Catholic Charities; Edie De La Torre – Pueblo Cooperative Care; Judith Nicholson – Center for Disabilities; Stevie Unruh – Church of Nazarene; Roberta Tafoya; Miranda Ferganchick; Stuart Bastin – Volunteer PPD/LE Chaplain; Sal Katz, Anne Stattelman, Meagan Schroeder, LaTanya Yarbrough – Posada; Teresa Martinez; Kim Yarbrough – DSS TANF; Judy Kagey – Parkview; Nancy Arredondo CDOC Parole; Linda Perkins, Jalyn Perkins – Christlife; Roger Kincade – Bridgeway; Ara Blair, Maria Chaidez – CDPHE

I. Introductions and Updates:

Vanessa, PHD: Working both fires, helping people at shelters, etc.

LaTanya Yarbrough, Posada: Homeless Youth program has 22 people right now. Elko Shelter has 2 available units.

Kim Yarbrough, DSS TANF: Able to help families from Beulah fire, get lump sum of money for household needs.

Edie, PCHC: Open enrollment starts Nov. 1st

Ada Clark, City of Pueblo: Have yet to get 2016 grant in treasury account, all contracts circulating, but no money yet.

Kathy Cline, Salvation Army: Utility (not rent or transportation) assistance T and W 1-3pm; food pantry M TH 12-2pm; Clothing distribution this Friday; Cooking for firefighters. Served about 3,300 children last year for Angel Tree. Marine Corp Toys for Tots working independently.

Edie De La Torre, Cooperative Care: Very busy, started new program, partnering with Denver helping people get ID, DL, birth cert, death cert, driving permits.

Judith Nicholson, Center for Disabilities: No RAMP grant, do have eyeglass program for those on Medicaid or Medicare, gathering backpacks for homeless for winter.

Anne Stattelman, Posada: Channel 11 for fire resources, puebloemergency.info.

Judy Kagey, Parkview: Certified to do Connect for Health, Nov. 1st open enrollment

Bridget Byerly, SSA: Increase for 2017 is .3% cost of living adjustment, 60 million Americans on SSI, appt days are M W F, walk-in days are T / Th. 50% of lobby traffic can be handled online. If people don't have evidence to get them an ID a good alternative is if they've been seen by a clinic anytime in their life, they can get a letter from the clinic to include their DOB, SS#, etc.

Sal Katz, Posada: Monday is a council meeting, Sal will be addressing the council in reference to homeless issues in Pueblo, will recommend 3 courses of action to council: 1. Attend this CoC mtg on a monthly basis 2. Conduct a community needs assessment on homelessness 3. Either enforce the no camping law in Pueblo or build a homeless camp.

Sister Nancy, Los Pobres: Tuesday meeting at Library by agency on immigrant health care, speaker from CA. Nov 1st – CSU Pueblo, migrant worker present, 10 students in college are farm workers, try to keep kids in school as long as possible.

II. Minutes from September 2016: (any corrections/additions)

Minutes were accepted.

III. Continuum of Care:

A) Point in Time Count.

PIT counts will take place during the last 10 days of January, i.e., January 24 through 27. This is a change from past years. It will be both a sheltered and un-sheltered count.

Youth count and Adult and Family count. Everyone in shelter, transitional housing, unsheltered. Don't count if doubled up unless under 25. Ask for volunteers to get people counted. Closure of Rescue Mission in Springs has affected us. If people want to help get a hold of Anne.

B) Transitional Programs Statewide have now been converted to Rapid Re-Housing Programs.

IV. Pueblo Issues

A) Black Hills Energy

PUC meeting today. Group went up to protest. People are not supposed to have 2 deposits on the books with BHE. They cannot be asked to pay a second deposit. Let Anne know about it.

B) Debrief on Homeless Stand Down

18th Annual: 58 individual homeless, 42 verified as being veteran, 26 signed up for sleeping bags/backpacks. Denver has 600, Springs is expecting 250.

C) Holiday Dinners and Toy Drives

Jerry Carter is doing both Thanksgiving and Christmas, go to FB site and get contact info. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be held at the Depot. Salvation will have homebound meals on Thanksgiving, 180-200 people.

Toy Drive is starting Monday all schools in both districts have packets. Counselors have a minimum of 20 families, can register more if need be.

D) Outreach

V. Other Business

Safeway on East side closing. Only grocery store on East side. Can we convince Walmart to open a grocery store? Larry Atencio is looking into this. Might have to put together a shuttle service or a grocery delivery service until they come up with something.

Get LaGree's or HEP Food stores to come in, or ask Safeway to extend contract until we can get another provider in.

VI. Adjourn no later than 11:30am