

Pueblo Continuum of Care Meeting
October 18, 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 September: (any corrections/additions)**

- III. **Continuum of Care:**
 - A) **Point in Time Count.** PIT counts will take place during the last 10 days of January, i.e., January 22 through 31. This is a change from past years. It will be both a sheltered and un-sheltered count.
 - B) **Transitional Programs Statewide** have now been converted to **Rapid Re-Housing Programs.**

- IV. **Pueblo Issues**
 - A) **Black Hills Energy**
 - B) **Debrief on Homeless Stand Down**
 - C) **Holiday Dinners and Toy Drives**
 - D) **Outreach**

- V. **Other Business**

- VI. **Adjourn no later than 11:30am**

Pueblo Continuum of Care

September 20, 2016 10:00am
EOC 101 West 10th St., Pueblo, CO 81003
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Members Present: Sal Katz, Anne Stattelmann, Meagan Schroeder – Posada; Vanessa Brazee – PCCHD; Janina Goodwin – Pueblo Library; Sally Romero – NWP; Richelle Brown – Parkview; Galen Beaver, Karen Ashcraft – Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office; Barbara Ripperger, Kenna Lawson – King of Kings Lutheran; Christina Leal – PCHC; Sister Nancy Crafton – Los Pobres; Antoinette Garcia – DSS; Kristen Bailey (Colo Springs), Benjamin Strand – RMHS Home for All Vets; Mary Hobbs, Stephen Bundy, Nancy Ward – VA HUD/VASH; Desiree Carrillo – Summit Education; Kristin Castor – CO Cross Disability Coalition; Violet Pierce, Augustine Garcia – Bridgeway;; Ada Rivera-Clark – City of Pueblo; Marina Martinez, Kathy Cline – Salvation Army; Sabrina Forrest – USEPA; Tara Morrow, Brenda Nemick – SRDA; Bridget Byerly – SSA; Evie Harris – Catholic Charities; Ralph Delosa – RMHS; Edie De La Torre – Pueblo Cooperative Care; Gail Rodosevich – CO Legal Services

I. Introductions and Updates:

Galen Beaver, PCSO: Training in Denver on barriers to housing. Information has been sent to the entire Continuum. This issue is becoming a bigger problem as vacancy rates go down Statewide.

Antoinette Garcia, DSS: LEAP Applications were sent out for previous clients, Employment First – no longer available starting Oct. 1.

Evie Harris, Catholic Charities: Not taking any enrollment reapplying for grant to start Jan 1.

Ben Strand, RMHS: Las Animas is getting increase homeless people and they have no resources.

Sal Katz, Posada: Homeless gear donation drive, ends on 9/28.

Kristin Bailey, RMHS HFAV: Working on mapping homeless camps, working to get people plugged into right resources.

Kathy Cline, Salvation Army: Warming shelter opening Nov. 1, closing March 31 2017. Have blankets and clothing available.

Desiree Carillo, Summit Education: Meet n Greet on Monday 9/26 from 10am-3pm, partners, life coaches, principles, etc. attending.

Edie De La Torre, Pueblo Cooperative Care: Collected 252,000 lbs. of food from grocery stores during the Feed the 5,000 food fund drive. They are starting coat drive.

Bridget Byerly, Social Security Administration: New to position, she is an educator, training on topics of disability, online services, etc. email address is bridget.byerly@ssa.gov, phone # 888-737-1764, ext. 24226. 1-800-772-1213 is the National line.

Brenda, SRDA ADRC 211 Program: Next month starts Medicare open enrollment.

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

Minutes were accepted.

III. Continuum of Care:

- a. HUD is changing its priorities, housing first model, Rapid Rehousing instead of Transitional Housing, assistance for shorter period of time, makes it more difficult to work with landlords. Vacancy rates: Pueblo has lowest in state 2.1% as far as metropolitan areas. Hoping for training on how to get people into rentals. HUD is looking at families as biggest issues. Focus is families and youth.

IV. Pueblo Issues

A) Black Hills Energy

Pueblo Energy Initiatives gave synopsis at PUC mtg – over 600 citizens turn out, formal hearing in Oct. Hearing in Dec. about rate increase. Still time to get comments, complaints to PUC. Still need people to keep talking as long as Black Hills is here, we will have problems. Rates being raised 60% on our population, which is on a stable population, without bringing in any new clients.

Skip Arnold has done mazing research, every home has BHE has smart meter, but only those smart meters in low income areas have automatic disconnectors on them. BHE has come in and looked at low income neighborhoods to see how they can extract more money.

B) Possible Focus Group on Homelessness

Wrote a letter to Chieftain, we can't continue to have camps along rivers, increased E.coli in fountain. Sal is working with camps, documenting where they are, GIS coordinates. No interest by city or county to do homeless camp which is what we really need. They're in danger.

Sal Katz: We should reach out to city council members to attend mtg to hear everyone speak. Found 4-5 acres of land waiting to be auctioned out. There is a camp in Portland OR, run by homeless people. The city helps out with trash, porta potties, etc. He believes the majority of people want to camp.

We are working with County to identify land. In February we said we were going to document camps, individuals, it has happened. Over 150 camps in Pueblo county. The document is being used by county sheriff, police, etc. We need to ask county and city people to come to the meeting and Sal can show camp pictures.

C) Upcoming Homeless Stand Down

September 30, 2016, 10am – 2pm.

D) Holiday Dinners and Toy Drives

Salvation Army – Angel Tree program, reach out to schools, a few changes. Last year was 3400 children, anticipate that range this year.

Steel City Supporters, Jerry Carter arranging Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at Depot. TBD call for volunteers, supporters. Depot is not truly accessible. Parking lot, 1 bathroom on 1st floor not accessible. Community events need to support the need for change in accessibility for all.

V. Other Business

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