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## Clark County ECHO

*(Ending Community Homelessness Organization)*

### Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2022

ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Gary Medvigy, opened-up the ECHO meeting with a warm welcome & introductions.

#### 1. PeaceHealth update on new community center project

- Presented by: Sean Gregory and Liz Cattin, Healthcare Reimagined; The Campaign for PeaceHealth Southwest
- Fundraised for \$60 million
- They believe that with collaborating with other organizations that serve similar people, in different ways, we can help them be more successful.
- PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center is one of the oldest and largest in our County.
- Challenges they are addressing:
  - Low-income families
  - Growing, aging population
  - Strengthening the community and organization
  - Preparing for a crises
- Community Services
- Whole Person Care through Partnerships with Sea Mar and Lifeline Connections
  - Food Insecurity
  - Housing Insecurity
  - Mental Health Support
  - Post-Hospitalization Social Service Support
  - Addiction Support
  - Domestic Sexual Violence Support
- Supportive of many other programs
- Making Community Connections

#### 2. Update on Statement of Procedure (SOP) for homeless encampment clean-up

- Lindsey Hueer, Clark County Sr. Policy Analyst stated in terms of the County Statement of Procedures regarding homeless encampment cleanup, the County has focused on the cleanup of existing encampments, the county contracts with outside entities that provide outreach services. Regarding whom provides the work, the City of Vancouver utilizes a contractor, and the County could also utilize this same contractor.
- Open discussion, Q & A



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### 3. Update from each entity and any suggested action items

- **Council for the Homeless – Kiersten Ware**
- **Vancouver Housing Authority – Andy Silver**
  - Provided an update on Lincoln Place and the Housing First Model.
  - Will provide the link to a video.
- **Community Foundation for Southwest Washington – Shona Carter**
  - Provided an update on their grant program which is currently evaluating and proposals
  - Social Justice and Resiliency fund, it's about ½ million dollars.
  - Hired a new CEO, Matt Morton.
- **Clark County – Michael Torres**
  - Status of the request for the application process for the homeless crisis response system
    - All the proposals that have been submitted were presented to the Community Action Advisory Board.
  - Homeless Action Plan update
    - Planning Committee has been formed, and they have already had a meeting.
    - This committee will be updated the ECHO Group
  - Q & A regarding the list of resources that had been sent out to this group with the invite.
- **City of Vancouver – Jamie Spinelli**
  - Provided direction on how the city will respond to encampments post-COVID.
  - The city has planned to open their second safe stay community, although this is on hold due to weather conditions.
- **City of Camas – Steve Hogan**
- **City of La center – Greg Thornton**
- **Other Small Cities**

### 4. Next Meeting

- May 10, 2022 @ 9:30am