



ECHO convened at the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor, Hearing Conference Room, also via WebEx Online.

Clark County ECHO

(Ending Community Homelessness Organization)

Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2023

ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Gary Medvigy, called the ECHO meeting to-order.

- **ACTION:** Minutes **APPROVED** for May 9, 2023, with no objections.
- **HOMELESS ACTION PLAN PROCESS – How Cities can get involved/give input.**
Presented by Michael Torres
 - RCW 43.185C.050- Local Homeless Housing Plans
 - Required Local Homeless Planning Objectives:
 - Quickly identify and engage all people experiencing homelessness under the state definition.
 - Prioritize housing for people with the greatest need.
 - Operate an effective and efficient homeless crisis response system that moves people to permanent housing.
 - Project the impact of the fully implemented local plan on the number of households held and the number of households left unsheltered.
 - Address racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness.
 - Current Homeless Action Plan remains in effect.
 - Clark County started planning 2023-2028 Local Plan in February 2022, Planning work by Council for the Homeless, as part of Community Planning contract with Clark County.
 - State notified Clark County revised Local Plan Guidance with significant changes will be issued along with new State plan in late 2023.
 - Clark County was seeking applicants for the Community Action Advisory Board.
- **BREAKDOWN OF ESTIMATED DOCUMENT RECORDING REVENUE COLLECTED PER CITY BASED ON COWLITZ COUNTY MODEL**
Presented by Mark Gassaway/Michael Torres
 - Per Michael Torres the document in question are what's being paid in; there is no distribution; the state legislation that created HB 2060, the affordable housing for all funds requires that the funds be utilized as per an interlocal for the purposes that are creating a brick and mortar housing for very low income persons, emergency shelter operations, creating shelters. As per our interlocal agreement, we receive these funds and utilize them (primarily to Berthas Place and Berthas Two) for shelters.
 - Per the last ECHO mirroring the Cowlitz County, they distribute HB 2060 funds that are collected locally to their cities and counties within their area and what would that look like for us?
 - Mark Gassaway took the Cowlitz County and our local and applied it to Clark County.
 - Cowlitz County Model is a 50/50 blend of population and assessed value, and that's how they determine the percentage of the total money (a minimum of \$3000.00) for each jurisdiction.
- **HOMELESS OUTREACH – COUNTYWIDE SERVICES**
Presented by Council for the Homeless
 - Sunny Wonder spoke about Encampment Identification and Initial Response
 - Two ways encampment identification occurs is; 1 a CO Team makes internal communication and then documents camp location and movement; 2 is that anyone can report encampments by emailing or calling CO Senior Program Manager.
 - The Co Teams focus on all of Clark County



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- Sunny spoke about Encampment Engagement:
 - Shelter Placement
 - 97 people have been placed into shelters.
 - 146 people have utilized hotel vouchers.
 - Housing Assessment
 - Totaled number housed is 114.
 - Removing Barriers to Permanent Housing
 - In the past 6 months:
 - 698 households have received services.
 - Council for the Homeless has served 412.
 - SHARE has served 354.
 - CSNW has served 3.
 - Columbia River Mental Health has served 35.
 - Genesis Youth Programs has served 58.
 - Outsiders In has served 53.
 - Lifeline Connections has served 41.
- **HOMELESS SHELTER STATUS, HISTORY & WHAT'S NEEDED TO CREATE MORE BEDS**
ADD TO NEXT AGENDA
 Presented by Michael Torres
- **HOMELESS PROGRAM OUTCOMES & DISCUSSION ON GAPS IN SERVICES** ***ADD TO NEXT AGENDA***
 Presented by Michael Torres
- **UPDATE FROM EACH ENTITY AND ANY SUGGESTED ACTION ITEMS**
 - Council for the Homeless: NONE
 - Vancouver Housing Authority: NONE
 - Community Foundation for SW WA: NONE
 - Clark County: NONE
 - City of Vancouver: NONE
 - City of Battle Ground: NONE
 - City of Camas: NONE
 - City of La Center: NONE
 - City of Ridgefield: NONE
 - City of Washougal: NONE
- **ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**
- **NEXT MEETING**
 July 11, 2023, 9:30-11am