



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 – October 8, 2024

***IMPORTANT NOTE* PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE MICROPHONE WHEN MAKING A MOTION OR SECONDING A MOTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MINUTES.**

ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Sue Marshall, called the ECHO meeting to-order.

Welcome and Introductions

Lead by Chair, Councilor Sue Marshall

- Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2024.

ACTION: Moved by Ty Stober to **APPROVE** minutes for September 10, 2024. Seconded by Unidentified Member. All Aye/ motion passed.

- Review of Agenda.
 - No changes or amendments to the agenda.

Report Back on Action Items

- Everybody In Collaborative Initiative update – CFTH
 - Sunny spoke about other systems of care and are working with the Clark County Jail Reentry Services and Carelon Health as they have funded a staff member that is co-located three days a week and currently working with 25 different individuals, they have completed assessments and are helping with direct referrals and wraparound services.
 - Q & A
- Gathering for Change Event – CFTH
 - Sesany provided information regarding the Gather for Change Event by CFTH and its next Wednesday, October 16th. Doors open at the 5:00 PM at the Historic Kiggins Theater, downtown Vancouver. There is a keynote speaker, Dr. Marissa Sabata, from PSU.
 - Q & A
- Severe Weather – Mayor Hogan
 - Spoke about a member of their Council is in the Army in the Fort Lewis area, he suggested that we contact the National Guard Commander, to see if they would come out for freezing weather events.
 - Q & A
- Homeless Action Plan Timing – Clark County



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- Jordan Boege provided an update on the Homeless Action Plan. The local plan guidelines are currently in draft form and are expected to be finalized soon. Michael Torres will provide a further information at next months meeting in November on where the local plan guidelines are at.

Q & A

Legislative Priorities

- ECHO Membership by Jordan Boege
 - He has received input on three requests:
 - Camas is interested in a police drug reading devise.
 - Andy requested that we look into additional state investment in the housing trust fund, this would be a capital budget request.
 - VHA has requested all our member jurisdictions, that would let VHA operate within their jurisdictions.
 - Tyler Chavers is interested in pursuing some expansion of assisted outpatient treatment.

Q & A

City of Vancouver Homelessness Emergency Situation Report Overview

- Presented by Jamie Spinelli, City of Vancouver
 - Jamie stated that the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance is having a policy forum locally on October 24th, at the Fourth Plain Community Commons from 5:30 -7:30pm, this information is located on their website.
 - Reporting period on the Homelessness Emergency Situation Report Overview is August 2024:
 - 34 people have deceased
 - As of July 8th, VPD reported: 2400+ events related to unsheltered homelessness (13.6% of calls for service)
 - Hart Patrol did their usually cleanups, in addition to the East part of town, Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, Arnold Park, Marine Park, and their regular coordination with WSDOT.
 - They removed 39 tons of solid waste from public property.
 - Responded to 125 app submission on the My Vancouver App.
 - From the safe stays and safe parks, they had 12 exits to housing.
 - They are receiving an increase with individuals with high medical needs.
 - They completed the requests for proposals for the Bridge Shelter Operator that opened on August 20th and ended September 11th and should have a contracted provider for the bridge shelter within the next few weeks.
 - A request for qualifications for design and engineering will be closing in the next week.
 - First phase of community engagement of the Bridge Shelter began, people can visit the “Be Heard Vancouver” page (<https://www.beheardvancouver.org>) to ask questions/comments.
 - Currently they are solidifying virtual and in-person community engagements surrounding the Bridge Shelter, in early to mid-November.
 - Community Court received a donation of \$25,000.00 from Devine Design!
 - There have been several people that have graduated.

Takeaways, Recommendations, and Next Steps

- Diana Perez suggested to look at the past minutes to assist in keeping us on track with some of the past topics.
 - Update on the competitive grants



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- Investing in a study to review some disproportionate impacts.
- Clarifying the process on the severe weather on who's authority/responsibility should make the call.

Closing

- November ECHO Meeting
 - Homeless Action Plan presentation by Michael Torres
 - CFTH will not be in attendance for November.
- Future Meeting Agenda Topics – retreat/2025 planning, CRESA plan update, other
 - For January 2025 and let's start to build an agenda.
- Anything for the good of the order.

NEXT MEETING

- *November 12, 2024; 9:30- 11:00 AM*

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