



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

## Clark County ECHO

*(Ending Community Homelessness Organization)*

**Meeting Minutes – November 12, 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 October 8, 2024.**

**ACTION:** Moved by Victoria Ferrer to **APPROVE** minutes for October 8, 2024. Seconded by Sue Marshall Member. Anne McEnergy-Ogle, Abstained/ motion passed.

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

### Report Back on Action Items

- **Gathering for Change Event:**
  - Presented by: Jordan Boege
    - <https://vimeo.com/1020443831?share=copy#t=0>
      - Link is attached if you did not get a chance to attend.

Q & A

- **Severe Weather**
  - Councilor Marshal stated one of the issues related to severe weather is calling a severe weather event and then the response, a lot of the responsibility has fallen on Council for the Homeless. Council for the Homeless, herself, Jordan, Mike Lewis, and CRESA have met to discuss what the best approach would be, it seems Council for the Homeless is better connected with the National Weather Service. But there is more conversation to be had, and opportunities to look into CRESA's Emergency Response Plan in the next year. Fundamentally, there is more cases of severe weather that have been occurring and a lack of resources.
  - As of now the same procedures will remain in effect. The locations are being contacted and will be communicated the same way as in the past.
  - Council for the Homeless has criteria under which they will call for severe weather when it is unsafe for vulnerable populations to be outside. Whereas CRESA also calls for severe weather but it is on a disaster basis, and have other resources, beyond just the faith-based communities, such as the municipal libraries will open up, these are two different thresholds.

Q & A

- **Legislative Priorities**



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- Update presented by Jordan Boege
  - To reiterate from the last meeting:
    - Camas: Police drug reading devise
    - VHA: Seeking additional State investments into the housing trust fund & 5 miles outside the City to operate with a blanket authorization.
    - Tyler Chavers: Interest in expanding assisted outpatient treatment.
    - Washougal: Lobbying WSDOT for additional right-of-way ramp highway clean-up funds.
    - City of Vancouver: State Certifying Chuukese (or other non-certified languages) interpreters.

Q & A

- **Homeless Action Plan Local Guidance Update**

- Presented by: Michael Torres
  - [Local Planning for Homelessness Presentation](#)

Q & A

**City of Vancouver Homelessness Emergency Situation Report Overview**

- Presented by Jamie Spinelli, City of Vancouver
  - [Homelessness Emergency Situation Report - Sept. 2024](#)

**Takeaways, Recommendations, Next Steps, and Closing**

- December ECHO Meeting
  - Strategic planning for 2025
  - Lifeline Connections to provide a presentation regarding detox services they provide.
  - Severe Weather
  - Legislative items
  - Self-Evaluation – What has ECHO Accomplished this year?
- Future Meeting Agenda Topics
  - Possibly have Dr. Zapata come and talk about her presentation at the Gathering for Change Event.
- Anything for the good of the order

**NEXT MEETING**

- *December 2, 2024, 9:30am – 11:00AM*

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