



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 – May 13, 2025.

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ECHO Vice Chair, Vancouver City Councilmember Diana Perez, called the ECHO meeting to-order.

Welcome and Introductions

Lead by Vice Chair, Councilmember Diana Perez

- **Minutes from March 11, 2025 – TABLED; NO QUORUM**
- Review of Agenda
 - Jordan Boege requested an amendment to the agenda to correct the place of the ECHO Meeting.

Updates & Report back on action items

- Severe Weather – *ECHO Membership*
 - Michael Torres provided the update: ([Severe Weather Sheltering Activity Update](#))
 - Severe weather response included 41 days of service, assisting 717 individuals this past winter.
 - They are making the shift to hot weather, after a planning meeting with CRESA; questions that arose are:
 - What is the impact and what is the capacity?
 - What is the impact from federal funding cuts to Clark County and will that impact our ability to respond?
 - They are discussing strategies on campfire awareness within the encampments.
 - Continued outreach to provide services.
- [Homeless System Evaluation/Analysis](#)
 - Purpose of Proposal:
 - The purpose of the proposal is to conduct a comprehensive systems analysis of homelessness that identifies structural drivers, service gaps, policy misalignments, and opportunities for cross sector coordination in that this would support evidence informed equity driven policy making.
 - This was from a proposal and study from several years ago that was never put into action.
 - The discussion today was focused on:
 - What are some of the impacts that you would like to see addressed most and priorities for inclusion in a system analysis?
 - How does this intersect with what is happening with the work of the Homeless Action Plan.
 - The group aims to include voices of individuals with lived experiences in future discussions for insight.
 - County and cities to review the draft concept paper and share their reviews at the next ECHO meeting.



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State and Federal Legislative Items

- Jordan reviewed several HB & SB with ECHO, after an in-depth discussion; Jordan will do the following:
 - WA Legislative Session
 - State legislative session has ended, with some bills moving forward and others not passing
 - [Table of Bills for discussion.](#)
 - Federal Budget Impacts to Housing & Homelessness
 - Federal budget cuts threaten community development and housing programs significantly, around \$800 billion.
 - County is reaching out and sending letters to our federal representatives, and it would be great for local jurisdictions to also send letters indicating on how important these programs are to our community.
 - [Press Release from Council for the Homeless](#), advising our community how these cuts are going to significantly impact our community at large.

City of Vancouver Homeless Emergency Situation Report Overview

- Presented by Jamie Spinelli – City of Vancouver
 - Presenting details from March 2025.
 - By the end of March there have been a total of 11 individuals that have deceased that were experiencing homelessness or were in a supportive program (6 were in the month of March).
 - From January through March there were 842 calls for service to the fire department, the majority of the calls were medical.
 - VPD tracks the data and 12% of all events that are responded to involve the unsheltered homelessness, which accounts for approx. 20% of all patrol hours.
 - The HART Team removed 99.35 tons of solid waste year to date, about 40 tons of that in March.
 - Served a total of 210 individuals with Winter Shelters this year, with several exits to supported housing.
 - 15 people moved out of the Safe Stay Communities into supported housing.
 - 19 People have graduated from community court.
 - Community Court Celebrated the 2-Year Anniversary.
 - Phase one of the Bridge Shelter was completed and moving into phase two.

Takeaways, Recommendations, Next Steps, and Closing

- Anything for the good of the order
 - October 15th is “Gathering for Change”, make sure to get your tickets!
 - The Local Five-Year Plan Activities are happening, and the next steering committee will be June 3rd.
 - Follow-up on the point-in-time count results expected by the end of May.

NEXT MEETING

- June 10, 2025; 9:30 – 11:00am
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