



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 – September 09, 2025.

***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, Glen Yung, called the ECHO meeting to-order.

Welcome and Introductions

Lead by Chair, Councilor Yung

- **Minutes from July 08, 2025 – TABLED; NO QUORUM**

Updates & Report back on action items

- Severe Weather – *ECHO Membership*
 - Sesany Fennie-Jones gave an [update](#) on the hot weather season
 - 11 days of severe weather, fewer than anticipated
 - The hot weather season went very well
 - Discussed how transportation accommodations with C-Tran works, giving free rides to individuals attempting to get to shelters and cooling centers
 - Discussed a net loss of 65 beds for this winter
 - Request for scoring committee members
 - Michael Torres discussed a scoring committee reviewing applications for projects that strengthen Severe Weather Response services for unhoused residents
 - Comprised of 6 Scorers: 3 from CAAB and 3 from ECHO
 - No estimate on the time it will take to review and score applications
 - Went over the timeline for the process
 - Seeking one additional volunteer from ECHO
- Homeless Action Plan Update – *ECHO Membership*
 - Michael Torres provided an update
 - The next steering committee meeting October 2
 - Draft to be completed and presented at the next ECHO meeting on October 14
 - Will then move on to Council for approval
- Homeless System Evaluation/Analysis – *ECHO Membership*
 - Executive committee is working on building support
- Draft Press Release for Members with Lived Experience – *ECHO Membership*
 - Draft was updated per previous feedback
 - Questions in regards to funding still exist
- Impacts from Executive Order on Homelessness – *ECHO Membership*
 - Federal Government released Executive Order in July on Homelessness
 - Executive Order steps away from Housing First and Harm Reduction practices
 - Loosens restrictions on forcibly removing individuals
 - Impacts federally funded programs, continuum of care funding
 - Could have significant impact on permanent supportive housing
 - WA State guidance is to stay committed to Housing First and Harm Reduction.



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ECHO Planning for Session with Law Enforcement

ECHO Membership

- Item will be addressed in Executive Subcommittee

2024 Annual System Numbers Report

Council for the Homeless

- Dale Whitley, Council for the Homeless, presented the [report](#)
 - Data covers Calendar Year 2024
 - Differences in the Annual System Numbers Report and a Point in Time Count
 - Stats on who Experienced Homelessness at any point in 2024 (households)
 - Breakdown of those households
 - Requesting and accessing shelter
 - Assessed and entering housing programs
 - Housed or stabilized through Diversion and Prevention
 - Likelihood of experiencing poverty or homelessness by race
 - 2024 Zip Code Report by Last Permanent Address
 - Reports available at Council for the Homeless website

Takeaways, Recommendations, Next Steps, and Closing

- Since the regular meeting in November is on Veteran’s Day, will try to schedule a subcommittee meeting sometime in November instead
- Future Topics:
 - Law Enforcement Update
 - Community Court and other external presenter opportunities
 - Rescheduling Dr. Zapata ECHO Community Conversations
 - Legislative Agenda for ECHO

NEXT MEETING

- *October 14, 2025; 9:30 – 11:00am*

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