

## **MINUTES - PPCoC Governing Board Meeting**

**25 January 2019, CHP, 121 S. Tejon Street, Suite 601, 11:30am – 1:00pm**

**Members in Attendance:** Aimee Cox, Alison Gerbig, Andy Barton, Andy Phelps, Ann-Marie Manning, Beth Roalstad, Bob Hughes Chris Garvin, Crystal La Tier, Haley Chapin, Jacque Franklin, Jeanne Clendenin, Joanna Crosby, Kat Lilley, Kimberley Sherwood, Laura Nelson, Noreen Landis-Tyson, Shawna Kempainen -via phone

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Mariano

**Absent:** John Spears

**Call to Order:** 11:34 am call to order

### **Administrative Business**

Approval of Minutes – December 2018 - Motion to approve-Ann Marie; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Shawna; All in favor.

### **Tactical & Progress Reports:**

#### **Outreach Task Force - Beth**

Beth reported that a group has formed to address strategies around coordinated outreach. She explained that outreach is a key priority as called out in the NOFA. Aspen Pointe, HPP, RMHS, CSPD HOT, CSFD CARES, City CDD, COS Outreach, Peak Vista, Urban Peak, Pikes Peak Library District, Springs Rescue Mission, Faith Table, and Catholic Charities are all participating in this group. At the first meeting, the group outlined what outreach/in-reach each organization is doing so that CHP can create a comprehensive list that can be shared.

#### **Emergency Shelter Roundtable- Aimee**

The roundtable scheduled for Tuesday was cancelled due to weather. Aimee is looking at a new date to re-schedule the roundtable to. The purpose of the RT is to bolster ES usage and strategize around family shelter. The group will work to tackle issues collaboratively and create a systems approach. Salvation Army, Springs Rescue Mission, CSPD HOT, Catholic Charities, Family Promise, and Urban Peak are all participating in the roundtable.

#### **Family Homelessness Efforts- Kat**

Kat explained that a collaboration with Partners in Housing, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, and Family Promise was formed to determine a strategy around family homelessness. West Side Cares and Ecumenical Social Ministries have also been invited to the conversation. Family Promise is taking the lead on finding property to open a low barrier family shelter. Feasibility studies on existing properties are currently underway. Goals is to open 40 units in 2020. The initial capital expense is estimated at \$1M with annual upkeep of \$750k to \$1M. A formal announcement about the project will be made in the upcoming weeks.

### City Updates – Andy P.

Andy is waiting on final input from the CDD before the final draft of the Homeless Initiative is released. The RFI for outreach will be released next week.

RV Ban- A group has formed to discuss the issues around banning RVs. Ann Lantz with ESM is part of this group and has volunteered to count the number of RVs and cars parked on city streets. A local church is willing to have a “Safe Parking” location. A separate non-profit called, Community Development Corporation has formed to address families living in Cars. They are looking at the Safe Park model used in LA. A separate committee with Councilmembers Skorman and Gielslinger led by ESM is working on the RV ban. The City is considering a parking-lot outreach day (similar to the outreach that was done before the camps were cleared) to help people living in their cars or RV’s get access to resources.

### City Updates – Joanna

CDBG recipients will be notified in the next month. Due to the government shut-down, two projects -The Commons, and Concrete Couch Land acquisition, have been delayed.

### City Housing Authority Updates – Jeanne

The Studio and Franklin Square housing waitlist was opened Monday and close this afternoon. Housing Authority has 32 vouchers for Greenway Flats that will be opening in May. There are 65 available beds (3 SRM; 32 CSHA/SRM; 30 DOH-must go through CE). There are concerns that not everyone who would be eligible for these beds has been surveyed and properly reflected in CE. This indicates the CE process may need to be evaluated. Plan for how to fill these beds through CE is important.

### El Paso County Housing Authority Updates – Crystal

The El Paso County Economic Development Department has three main areas of focus: business incentives, housing and community initiatives. El Paso County Economic Development acts as staff to the El Paso County Housing Authority (EPCHA). EPCHA is a non-traditional housing authority- in the regard that they do not own any public housing, nor do they administer any housing vouchers. They do administer a regional Housing Trust Fund (HTF) that is not federally funded and completely self-generating and sustained. Due to this structure, the funds are typically committed in the form of loans

There are several projects currently funded by the EPCHA Housing Trust Fund: \$58,103 contract for services for SRM Women’s Shelter, increasing that component of SRM to 70 beds; \$150,000 contract for service for Salvation Army to expand access to low barrier shelters in the region; \$500,000 loan for Greenway Flats for the development of 65 PSH units; \$500,000 loan for Freedom Springs for the development of 50 PSH units-primarily serving veterans experiencing homelessness; \$1.3 M loan for Traditions @ COS – this is 180 units of senior housing at Tutt & Snowy River); \$200,000 loan for Rocky Mountain Apartments – 18 units of affordable housing being converted from a commercial building with Greccio Housing; \$500,000 loan commitment made to Greccio Housing for the development of 54 units of senior housing- this project- Atrium at Austin

Bluffs is also seeking state tax credits; \$500,000 loan commitment made to Colorado Springs Housing Authority for the Shooks Run development.

Additionally, through the HTF and CDBG funding the El Paso County Economic Development also supports agencies that provide rental assistance in the region.

CDBG funding opened and applications are due on 2/15. Funding cannot be used within Colorado Springs City Limits. If a recipient is within City limits, they must demonstrate that clients come from outside city limits.

**Strategic Discussion:**

**Board Retreat- Kimberley** – The Board Retreat on February 22<sup>nd</sup> will focus on a review of the Governance Charter and the Strategic Plan. Both documents will need to be refreshed this year. Kimberley is seeking volunteers to help support the design process for the retreat. Jacque and Laura volunteered to assist with the process.

**New Business:**

Alison Gerbig – Alison will be reaching out to the group regarding the West Middle School homeless information kiosk project

**PPCoC Administrative Updates:**

Point-in-Time – Aimee - Training was provided to 130 volunteers. Donations of socks, hats, etc. for this year's PIT were significantly lower. Majority of surveys will take place on Monday 1/28. Providers will be conducting surveys throughout the week.

**Parking Lot Items for February Meeting:**

**Adjourn: 1:02 pm**

**Next Meeting: Board Retreat-** Friday, February 22, 2019, 8 am – 4pm, Gold Hill Police Substation, 955 W. Moreno Avenue