

## MINUTES – March 22, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

### In Attendance:

Anne Beer, \*Crystal Karr, Haley Chapin, Kristy Milligan, \*Randi Davis, Jeff Cook, Jamie Brown, Stacie Kwitek

\*Indicates ex-officio member

CHP Staff: Scott Correa, Mary Ellen Benson, Amber Ptak, Heather Brinker, Angela Roberts, Shawna Rae Kemppainen

### Meeting Summary:

Haley Chapin announced her upcoming leave of absence and explained the details of her sabbatical, expressing her apprehension about returning in August but confirming her return in September. The section concluded with a discussion on governing board subcommittees and their charters.

Attendees provided updates on various committees, including the outreach committee's efforts, the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee's charter and goals, and the potential merging of street outreach and shelter meetings to streamline efforts and avoid unnecessary overlap. Shawna provided an update on the Pikes Peak Continuum of Care analysis, outlining the six buckets being considered, including current structure, funding landscape, data gathering, and collaborations. Angela Roberts shared the survey results on Built for Zero, highlighting the participants' familiarity and alignment with the COC strategic plan. Stacie Kwitek shared her experience with Built for Zero in Fremont County, highlighting the success and challenges faced by the leadership team in addressing veteran homelessness.

The meeting section focused on the theme of collaboration and community engagement, with speakers emphasizing the importance of inclusive conversations and non-judgmental language. Annie Beer and Jeff Cook highlighted the need to bring more people to the table for collaboration and to serve those in need. Amber Ptak expressed the group's commitment to understanding effective collaboration and finding common ground, while Kristy Milligan emphasized the need to continue these conversations and give them priority in future meetings.

The group expressed a desire to explore new ways of collaborating, even when there are disagreements, and to continue the conversation in future meetings. The meeting concluded with attendees expressing appreciation for the importance of certain foundational aspects in their work, acknowledging the challenges of integrating these ideas without sounding preachy, and sharing insights on understanding the levers that influence people's situations.

### Action Items:

- \* Shawna Rae Kemppainen will lead a conversation to dig deeper on the issue of homelessness at the board meeting in April.
- \* Angela will follow up with Stacie to discuss the rejuvenation of Built for Zero for the community.
- \* Scott will post the Grants Pass case materials in Basecamp for further review and discussion.
- \* Kristy will coordinate a conversation about the implications of the Grants Pass case and its potential impact on the community.
- \* Annie will continue to raise thought-provoking questions and advocate for a more holistic and compassionate approach to addressing homelessness.
- \* Amber Ptak, CHP will plan and support a broader community conversation about homelessness.
- \* Shawna will share the opposing point of view from the email with the group.
- \* All board members will avoid judging either agencies or people, and be careful with the language used in conversations.

\* All board members will commit to continuing substantive, thoughtful conversations and finding common ground on the issue of homelessness.

\* Crystal Karr will give grace to Katie Sunderland, the new acting chief housing and community vitality, as she gets up to speed on everything.

Key Questions:

\* What are the implications of focusing on one population versus a broader approach to homelessness?

\* How can we address the root causes of homelessness versus just the symptoms?

\* What are the implications from an equity standpoint regarding homelessness?

\* How do we re-engage people experiencing homelessness so they feel a part of the community?

\* How can we learn to collaborate differently, even when we disagree on some things?