



Coalition of Service Providers for the Homeless
Meeting Summary for November 8, 2017
Next Meeting: January 8, 2017

Meeting Documents: http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/csp_docs/

Introductions and Announcements: (Leads and Needs)

- Sea Mar – Has a new substance abuse program
- 211 – Offering Holiday Information, Hot Meals or Holiday Adoption Program
- SHARE has HEN Openings for people approved through DSHS
- Volunteers Lawyer Program – Now working with teen parents, low income and homeless who have outstanding fines with the courts
- CFTH - In need of winter items: hats or gloves
- Janus Youth - mobile outreach is shifting to under 18 years old through Yellow Brick Road
- REACH Community Development is projecting 50 units for homeless families (July of 2019)
- David Bilby – Safe Park is now taking referrals through CFTH Hotline
- Food with Friends - need blankets, sleeping bags, hand warmers, tents, tarps and volunteers for its new mobile shower soon to be in operation
- CSNW - has 2 new outreach workers specifically around issue of opioids

Presentations:

Working Effectively with Households from [Chuuk](#)

[Juanita Yasu](#), Vancouver Public Schools District Chuukese Interpreter / Translator

Chuuk people are from 40 different islands, residing among the four states in the Federated States of Micronesia. They are in America because of the Free Association contract with the US and to further opportunity.

Juanita has been working with the school district for five years. She began working as a translator and interpreter, and she tries to engage the students to promote attendance. She also works with FCRCs for the basic needs for the students she serves. She asked that service providers be genuine, kind (smile) and patient, as Chuuk people will need time to learn the culture of the states. They are unfamiliar with the policies and the rules and many have not previously attended formal school settings.

Juanita feels people from Chuuk can be most successful if they have a team of professional people to assist them. For example, a meeting of service providers could come together around a family to delineate program expectations so that the family understands fully their commitment and can therefore have a better chance of successfully meeting the expectations.

2018 Point in Time Count is January 25, 2018 - [Dale Whitley](#), HMIS Administrator

The PIT Count is a one-day best effort snap shot of those who are currently experiencing homelessness in Clark County. Planning Meetings have begun and everyone is welcome to participate. At the planning meetings, participants will review HUD data, and outreach folks will be assigned zones for outreach. After the PIT Count, there are duplications from various forms of information that needs sorting; typically, results can be available in about a month. Service providers please note that CFTH can provide forms for your service. Also, if you are interested in going out with an outreach team, please let us know.

Project Homeless Connect, January 25, 2018 - [David Bilby](#), [Go Connect](#) and [Safe Park](#)

David contracts with CFTH to bring Project Homeless Connect at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 9-2pm
This event includes haircuts and 2 dental vans and a meal among other services. Shuttles will be provided from Share, WHO, Friends of the Carpenter and St. Anne's Washougal. [Gonnect.org/PHC](#) contains the form if your agency would like to have a booth at the event. Living Water Church will be providing childcare.

Safe Park Program – There was an official kick off on May 1, 2017, for this program, which was a pilot program up to that point. There is a 6-car capacity at each of four churches. At the peak, the program parked 27 cars. Access to SafePark is through the Housing Hotline (360-695-9677). The program runs from 7pm-8am, 7 days a week. People who choose to participate have a Housing Assessment through CFTH with the goal of moving forward. They sign a code of conduct and receive a parking permit. There have been 172 referrals since the program began.

Shower Outreach Program (SOP), [Jamie Spinelli](#), Food with Friends

Food with Friends has been awarded a grant for their mobile shower unit, which will be brought to the community once the shower trailer is fully operational – pending the addition of a ramp, for example. They need host sites (where they can attach the hose, drain, power outlet) and volunteers who would operate it. They are hoping to start it at the Friends of the Carpenter day center once it is operational.

City of Vancouver Day Center Proposal, [Peggy Sheehan](#), Community and Economic Development Manager
The City is considering a purchase of the Fish and Wildlife Building on Fourth Plain, which would be the site of the Day Center, operated by Share. The contracts for Share ends in December so the idea is that Share could move in as close to the beginning of the year as possible. There are meetings held to provide information and gain feedback, two of them being:

November 15th, 4-6pm at City Hall, Aspen Room

November 28th 4-6pm at City Hall, Aspen Room

[City of Vancouver Homelessness Prevention Funding Request For Application](#)

Grant proposals are out for Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing and are due November 30th.

Severe Weather Shelter

Living Hope, Life House, Immanuel Lutheran are three who will come online. Volunteers are needed, flexible schedules. Information will flow through 211 and CRESSA website.

2018 Legislative Session & Advocacy Agenda

[WLIHA Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day](#) is Thursday, February 1, 2018-Olympia. Providers are encouraged to attend. Share and CFTH are considering renting a bus to transport people from our community to Olympia on that day.

Advocacy continues to provide a great opportunity to increase the funding potential for homeless services. Being strong advocates is more important than ever and has great potential.

Please view the [WLIHA](#) WA state legislative agenda and there is an opportunity to sign on your endorsement.

Take a look at the Homelessness [Myths and Facts Document](#). One of the myths is that people want to be homeless. And the fact is in our community, and Commerce did a good job to help bust the myth. People may want to bust through the barriers or like the options – but they aren't usually choosing to stay out in the cold weather.

[The Vancouver, WA Pocket Guide, CFTH Resource Guide & Spanish Resource Guides](#)

Next Coalition Meeting: January 8th, 10:00-12noon

The Coalition meets on the 2nd Wed, bi-monthly for planning to prevent and end homelessness in Clark County.

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