



Present:	Voting Board Members: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Volwiler- Finance Sector, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Rizzitiello, City of College Place, Vice Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Potts, City of Prescott <input type="checkbox"/> Byron Olson, City of Walla Walla <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Hinchliffe, City of Waitsburg <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Johnson, BOCC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juli Reinholz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Covey	<input type="checkbox"/> John Adams, VA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renee Rooker, WWHA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norrie Gregoire, Corrections/Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyler Graber, Legal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin, DV shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Kathie Oreb, PSMCC
<u>Non-Voting Participants:</u> Robert Dixon, Brian Fox, Debbie Baker, Michael Ensor, Wendy Cheng, Jennifer Beckmeyer, Rachel Eifenbein DCH Staff: Morgan Linder, Nikki Sharp, Kara Breymeyer, Sam Jackle, Meghan DeBolt		

Quorum Present – Yes

Welcome: Craig Volwiler, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 AM. We went around the table and did introductions.

Approval of September 26th, 2019 Minutes: Review of notes by board, Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer motioned to approve minutes, Norrie Gregoire seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- We did additional introductions for those arriving after the initial welcome.

Homeless/Housing Plan Update – Meghan DeBolt

- The Homeless Housing Plan Taskforce (Nikki, Sam, Meghan, Renee, Kathy, Craig) is meeting weekly to get the plan pulled together. The plan will serve as an appendix to the larger plan and will be a living document.
- We were not granted a deadline extension request from Commerce in response to the updated guidelines. Commerce said this is because there were not many changes, but guidelines were now being presented in rubric form.
- The plan will be presented to county commissioners the week before it is due to Commerce. The plan is due to Commerce on December 2nd, but they may allow for some leeway from this date.
- Overall the taskforce has a good trajectory toward plan completion. They are hoping to get some good language from others at the Conference on Ending Homelessness next month.

Veterans Sub-Committee Update

- Debbie Baker gave an overview of the taskforce and said there will be an update every month, with the next update from Community Land Trust. Their goal is to end vet homeless through employment.
- Debbie introduced the other presenters, Brian Fox and Michael Ensor. All three are on the Veterans Relief Fund Board.
- Joe Dixon presented about their ideal program for veteran employment, addressing issues with existing programs.
 - Ideal program would serve as alternative for those that don't qualify for existing programs due to eligibility issues. The program is expedited to reduce waitlists and focused mainly on providing 3-month long internships to veterans who need to transition out of jobs in the trades. The internship layout would help



participants gain job experience and maintain an income without having to go to school as is required for many sustainable non-trades jobs. The program is specific to people who are “work-ready.”

- Participants would receive a paycheck while in the program, and would not necessarily be expected to remain with the employer. The main goal of the program is to increase participants’ job skills.
- Kathy asked about how the program would be funded. The taskforce is unsure right now, but is hoping that presenting on this topic will drive discussion and feedback on how to fund it.
- Craig asked about how existing programs currently find employers for participation. It depends on the veteran and certain employers are much more positive about working with vets.
- Meghan commented that this program could serve organizations looking to fill short-term positions.
- Jennifer asked about the budget of such a program. The cost would be about \$6,000 per candidate, with case management already covered.
- Brian Fox presented about efforts to reach Functional Zero for veteran homelessness in the county.
 - The group watched a video explaining the definition of Functional Zero (when there are more people exiting the system than there are entering).
 - They meet weekly to discuss the By-Name List and who is responsible for routing each person into housing.
 - There are about 80 names on the By-Name list, with only 3-5 unsheltered. Brian can send out more information.
 - The assessment report helps identify what we do and don’t have the capacity to address.
 - Kathy asked how long a community must maintain functional zero to declare. Functional Zero must be maintained for about three months. UCIH will then evaluate whether to declare Functional Zero or give additional recommendations.
 - Sam asked about the 60/40 split. Once Functional Zero is declared, programs can start working on prevention to reach those not currently eligible.
 - Kathy commented that the most immediate, obvious need to address this is Low barrier shelter.
 - Michael asked about the difference between current resources and the HUD definition. Low barrier shelters allow active drug use on site and provide harm reduction tools.
 - Functional Zero may be reached by the end of the year. The biggest factor in sustaining efforts is employment and a sustainable income.

New Business-

- Meghan DeBolt announced a HB1406 Workshop on Tuesday, October 29th at 8 AM in the BOCC Chambers.
 - Faith Pettis will be presenting.
 - The workshop will be a collaboration with BOCC, City of Waitsburg, City of College Place, (More?) to discuss what applying state sales tax funds will look like. The goal is to draft Resolutions and Ordinances by the end of the year.
- Meghan DeBolt presented the Funding Announcement from the Department of Commerce on Modular Housing Funding
 - Renee Rooker said that the costs of modular housing would be too high under the current requirements, compared to new on-site construction. They are currently working on suggested revisions to take to the legislature.
 - Costs increase with ADA requirements and cost of land, so participants are paying a premium for something they are not necessarily experienced in.



- Renee Rooker shared about a HUD Proposal that was open for comment. The Proposal was not addressed at a Council on Housing meeting in time to provide comment.
 - Renee said the Housing Authority does not support the change in Fair Housing Rules
 - Kathy Covey said future proposals or other relevant topics, information should be forwarded to Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin to take to the Policy Committee, for review and presentation at a full council meeting. The committee does not currently meet regularly, but will need to touch base soon about the upcoming legislative session.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM