

# MINUTES

## Five County Local Homeless Coordinating Council

June 19, 2013

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South, Bldg B, St. George

**Members Present:** Jae Maxfield, Katy Peterson, Sue Kimball, Jane Lewis, Sherri Dial, Robert Bowman, Joy Jankowiak, Brent Hoffhines, Nora Wilson, Stephanie Volker, Jimmie Hughes, Mike Barben, Linda Trujillo, Bob Green

**Members on the Phone:** Heidi Miller

**Members Excused:** Margie Woodruff, Heather Cox, Faye Hubbard, Tami Fullerton, Paulette Valentine, Ally Keenan, Paula Claymore, Jean Goode, Matt Loo, Gordon McCracken, Brad Evans

**Guests:** Ashley Tolman, Tamera Kohler, Lloyd Pendleton, Gary Hughes, Rick Foster

## HEARTH –Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing = CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION

Agenda Item	Discussion and Action Items
Welcome & Introductions of Council Member and Guests	Robert Bowman, Co-Chairperson opened the meeting on time. Members introduced themselves and the agency one represents.
Request for Approval of Agenda	Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Agenda was approved as read.
Request for Approval of Minutes for the meeting held on February 20, 2013	Jimmie Hughes, Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the December 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 minutes. Motion by Jae Maxfield, Seconded by Sherri Dial. Motion carried. Motion Carried minutes approved as read.
Public Comment	No public comment
2013 Point-in-Time (PIT) Review & Housing Inventory County (HIC) Unmet Needs	<p>Ashley Tolman, State Community Services Office, presented the outcome for the 2013 PIT count taken on January 30, 2013. The PIT count for 2013 included only those individuals that were literally homeless i.e., individuals living in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, in transitional housing. It did not include individuals in an institution or doubled up households or those “couch surfing”. The single night numbers are then annualized. Washington County scheduled daily “events” during the week for individuals experiencing homeless could get a hot meal and be counted. There was discussion regarding the need for a centralized assessment and a collaborative referral system. There was a comment regarding doubled-up households and the number of children and families affected and overlooked by the 2013 PIT count. There was a discussion regarding how to work with young people under the age of 18 years of age.</p> <p>Ms. Tolman introduced the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). The Council reviewed the number of beds available and the number of bed used the night of the PIT and then the HIC is used to determine the number of beds or housing units needed to fill the gaps. The best way to end homelessness is to increase low-income housing and reduce the number of shelter beds. To fill the housing gaps in the area, the HIC shows the area needs 144 rapid re-housing beds and 24 permanent supportive housing.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding a policy at the local shelter where a tenant is not able to return to the shelter for six months if after one leaves the shelter. Mr.</p>

Pendleton stated this is only a local policy and not State or National.

#### Unified Funding Awards

Tamera Kohler, State Community Services Office. 34 agencies Statewide received Unified Funding with a total of \$2.3 million in awards. Unified Funding is made up of three funding sources: Federal funding, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and two State funded programs, Critical Needs and Pamela Atkins Homeless Trust Fund. Ms. Kohler discussed HUDs new requirement for ESG programs to coordinate with the Continuum of Care (CoC) for priority planning. In FY 2013, Five County region had just under \$80,000 in Unified Funding for a total of 3% of the State funds and in FY 2014, about \$147,000 was awarded. Five County region received 5% of the State's total funding and the majority of the funding is for case management. The majority of the increase is going to Iron County Care and Share. Ms. Kohler stressed the need to be compliant regarding the funding regulations so we can continue to receive State and Federal funds. Those agencies receiving Unified Funding are Dixie Care and Share, DOVE Center, Five County Community Action, Iron County Care and Share and Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center.

#### Washington County LHCC Proposal & BoS Collaborative

Lloyd Pendleton, Homeless Task Force, gave a quick 9-year overview of the Five County LHCC. There are 12 LHCC throughout the State, which are either county facilitated or regional to fit the community needs. Mr. Pendleton proposed to develop two committees locally - one for Washington County and one for Iron County to better meet the needs of the local communities. Mr. Pendleton stated he has spoken with many of the county elected officials and agency directors and provided a handout of those proposed to attend these two committees. Committee members expressed their support and concerns regarding the proposal.

#### Workgroup Reports

Housing Workgroup: Jae Maxfield & Stephanie Volker reviewed the workgroup's last meeting. Mr. Maxfield reviewed the housing inventory for Washington County. They discussed the background checks and credit checks that several of the property management require. Mr. Maxfield discussed the economic advantage of safe and stable housing vs., homelessness, emergency use of medical facilities, and incarceration.

Centralized Intake: Robert Bowman reported that he is collaborating with Ally Keenan and recently attended the State Coordinated Assessment Committee in Salt Lake City. Mr. Bowman stated that a centralized intake will be most effect if any program/agency/church in the area be involved with the centralized intake and collaboration.

#### Community Announcements

Annual Community Action Partnership Conference on Poverty, September 17-18, 2013, SLC  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Summit – October 10, 2013, SLC

#### Adjournment –

Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Lloyd Pendleton.

#### **Next LHCC Meeting: August 21, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.**

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