



MASON COUNTY

**HOUSING AND BEHAVIOR HEALTH BOARD
MASON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

415 N 6th STREET, SHELTON, WA 98584

Meetings held at: Commissioners' Chambers

411 N. 5th Street Shelton, WA 98584

REGULAR MEETING

August 22, 2018

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am

- Todd Parker, Mason County Public Health
- Lydia Buchheit, Mason County Public Health
- Kevin Shutty, Mason County Commissioner
- Peggy Vanbuskirk, Public Hospital District #2
- Patricia Dean, Behavioral Health Organization
- Eric Onisko, Council, City of Shelton

2. Housekeeping

There was discussion about future meeting times and it was agreed that meetings would be the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers.

The first few meetings will be planned for 1.5 hours, monthly, can be adjusted later if needed.

There can be one citizen from each Commissioner District. There are currently two citizen applications in for the Board of County Commissioners to review.

It was agreed that minutes will just be a summary of the meeting. Audio will be available if needed for future reference.

3. Purpose of the Board

- The board was created to work together and improve relationships with other entities
- For citizen input for the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and funding.
- For consistency.

The program coordinator's role will be to facilitate, organize and provide the board with the resources needed.

The Board's role:

- Funding prioritization and gap identification which can be addressed utilizing available funding sources.
- RFP: set process, review, evaluate, score, grant cycle, and provide funding recommendations to the County Commissioners to ensure funding is prioritized in the areas of greatest need.
- Set community and program goals and ensure alignment of strategic plans
- Examine and evaluate the identification of goals, performance measures, strategies, and cost and evaluation of progress toward established goals
- Development and /or approval of policies and procedures related to the RFP process, contract monitoring, performance and corrective actions
- Define opportunities to better manage services and expected outcomes
- A report to the County Commissioners contacting recommendation on the funding priorities by January 31, 2018

The board needs to select two areas for the housing Commerce Homeless Grant (CHG) to focus on (e.g. adult, families, youth, veterans, chronically homeless).

Veteran housing is already being worked on and the numbers are manageable. This would be a good focus area.

The youth are harder to work on, due to the fact that there are more limitations on them. They can't rent and there is no youth shelter. Host is also helping with placing youth. There are improvements to make in this area.

Chronic homeless are the homeless that have been homeless for 1 year or more, or a total of 1 year in the last 3 years. There is great potential here. Mason County needs permanent supportive housing.

Families are more difficult to not to want to focus on, because of the kids be so vulnerable.

Improvements can be made with intensive work and evaluate changes. The 100-day challenge was huge success and is a good example of what can be accomplished in a short time.

There was a question on how Crossroads and Community Action Council rank their clients. What is the vulnerability index?

The areas the board decided to focus on are the veterans and families.

Community Lifeline is a positive example of the funding at work. It was recommended to open the Shelter on a consistent basis instead of cold weather only. They have seen a very positive outcome from this improvement. The health benefits have been very noticeable.

It has been reported that more seniors (age 70-75) are becoming homeless. There has been a transition with the Area of Aging within the last year, we need to re-engage with them.

4. How to improve the impact through the leverage of other groups

More stakeholders are needed, group start a working list of stakeholders. Commissioner Shuttly suggested adding the Colleges to the list of stakeholders.

5. Immediate Decisions

See Summary-Action Items

6. Learning Curve

To help with the learning curve, Board to read the executive summary report on Housing and Homelessness from the Mason County website.

Presentations will be arranged with the providers and by the Department of Commerce. Board member are also encouraged to visit the providers.

Board members will be given a binder with additional information in it. To Include the by-laws, agency overviews, budget, RFP requirements, contracts. This will be updated as needed.

7. Set agenda for upcoming meetings

- By-laws
- Therapeutic Court recommendation on house for courts
- The current RFP contracts
- Overview of the reporting requirements for the agencies receiving funding
- Overview of the budget
- Overview of the agencies and what they do
- Presentations

8. Next Meeting

September 26, 2018, 9 a.m. Commissioners Chambers

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Summary-Action Items:

Todd will be emailing the draft of the by-laws to be reviewed to bring back to the next meeting for possible adoption.

Review the RFP applications and redirect some added funding.

A decision made regarding the housing for the Therapeutic Courts

