

Regular Meeting  
June 23, 2021

MINUTES

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am

**Board Members:**

- Kevin Shutty, BOCC
- Randy Olson, Citizen
- Eric Onisko, Council, City of Shelton
- Cappy Shapiro, Citizen
- Peggy VanBuskirk, MC Board of Health
- Beau Baaken, Citizen

**Staff Members:**

- Lydia Buchheit, MC Public Health
- Casey Bingham MC Public Health
- Alex Paysee, MC Public Health

**Guests/Public:**

- Jim States, M.D. Citizen, Area Command

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Peggy Vanbuskirk, and seconded by Eric Onisko to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Eric Onisko and seconded by Peggy VanBuskirk to approve the regular minutes from May 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. MEETING TOPICS:**

**a. Guest Speakers:**

Alex Paysee, RV Living in Mason County-Alex shared about some of the issues of property owners having a number of RV's on their property that are not permitted.

Casey Bingham, Grant Budget Update: Casey shared a document with current housing funds, amounts and Terms. Board discussion about need to build capacity in the agencies that do the grant deliverables as well as Public Health to manage the grants.

A motion to bring on a temporary housing position to assist with the housing coordination considering the number of grant funds that have come in the past year was made by Peggy Vanbuskirk. Beau Baaken seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Behavioral Health:**

- i. Transportation Pilot Project Update- Lydia updated the board, in Abe's absence, that the Van from MTA was not awarded to Public Health. The proposal for the project will be moved forward requesting two vans to be purchased.
- ii. Current TST contract update- Lydia notified the board that the two behavioral health contracts, NW Resources II and Olympic Health and Recovery were briefed with the commissioners and will move forward to the next Action Agenda on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Homelessness and Housing:**

- i. 2021 Legislative Summary.—Commissioner Shutty discussed planning to bring in more housing and the next step of getting a Housing Needs Assessment done with a goal of requesting State Housing Trust Funds. The idea would be a project using the Housing First model as LiHi discussed in the previous month's meeting. Discussion-Eric discussed the importance of getting the community involved and understanding the plan. Kitsap Mental Health did one and it took 6 months for the assessment. Motion carried unanimously.  
The HBHB motioned to recommend to the County Commissioners that a housing needs assessment be done. Peggy Vanbuskirk made the motion and Beau Baaken seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- ii. American Rescue Plan Summary- The board received information with the meeting packet about the ARPA.

**d. Behavioral Health Issues**

Commissioner Shutty shared about Law Enforcement and First Responders having to take a hands-off approach to people with behavioral health problems due to the new decisions and law changes that are going into effect. The Sherriff, City PD, OHRS, and Public Health plan to meet this Friday to discuss some of problems around these changes and what gaps and services will be needed.

A NW News Network article being sent from Commissioner Shutty on an interview with more information.

Mark Freedman and Joe Avalos from the BHASO and OHRS worked on getting a housing grant to fund 2 houses in Thurston County and a house in Mason for True Blood clients.

**6. GOOD OF THE ORDER: None**

**7. CLOSURE-** Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM

**8. NEXT MEETING—JULY 28, 2021**