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Kenai Peninsula Homelessness Coalition Quarterly Board Meeting Meeting Notes

March 3, 2026 at 1:30 pm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm

Review/Approve Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Review/Approve Minutes: Minutes of 1/6/2026 Approved

Financial Reports: KPHC, Inc.

Kenai Peninsula Shelters of Hope, LLC

Old Business:

- The board discussed how to fund operations moving forward including legislation, applying to the Rasmuson Foundation, Central Peninsula, South Peninsula, and Providence Hospitals, and gaming license. The board approved application for gaming license. The KPHC has received the final \$10,000 for reporting on the \$50,000 Partnership Grant award from Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.
- Kathy, Tim and Leslie reported that they toured a possible community center location on Kalifornsky Beach Road. Tim noted the need to secure funding for the Shelters of Hope for the project being called "K-Beach Campus", and that there are still some unknowns. Potential entities could include Love INC, the Independent Living Center, 100% Communities, Central Area Rural Transportation Service (CARTS), Kenai Peninsula Homelessness Coalition (KPHC) and Nikiski Shelters of Hope have expressed interest, though there is room for more office space, including for clients to meet with professionals such as case managers onsite.

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- The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Letter of interest is due March 11, and Leslie and Sofia will work on this letter.
- There is a grant whose objectives match shelter needs, for \$75,000 through State of Alaska. Unfortunately, the deadline is today 3/3/26 – **Kathy will reach out to contact person Kari Lovett.**

New Business:

- Tim provided updates of work done at Shelter of Hope, including
- Contract with Denali Daniels + Associates (DDA) will continue administrative and grant writing support. The KPHC will consider updating the regional strategic plan and developing an internal strategic plan.
- Funding for planning is a challenge, and the option of approaching Rasmuson through a letter of interest was discussed.
- **Motion for Board to submit letter of interest seconded**
- The board discussed the next Gaps and Solutions meeting, and potential for other grant writing events. The Challenger Center is being operated by the City of Kenai but unfortunately is not being made available for meeting facilitation. The Kenai Chamber of Commerce, Soldotna Sports Center, Kenai Peninsula College has two rooms, the Borough has offered the Assembly chambers, and the Christian College has a new sports center. Fellowship Hall of Christ Lutheran.

Area Reports:

- There were no further area housing reports on Homer, Seward, Kenai, and Soldotna.

Next Meeting of the Continuum of Care:

April 13, 2026

August 17, 2026

October 13, 2026 – Project Homeless Connect 2027 Kickoff

Next meeting for KPHC Board:

April 7, 2026

May 5, 2026

August 4, 2026

November 4, 2026

Adjourned at 2:40PM

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