

Kenai Peninsula Continuum of Care – June 18, 2024

Called to order 12:05PM

Discussion around the committee groups and 100% coming together as one entity.

The Kenai Peninsula Continuum of Care is working as same entity as KPHC. most everyone who is in one is in the other.

100% could be a part of this - Continuum of Care is required for funding. It is a relatively low barrier to funding - if you take minutes you're covered.

Alaska Coalition on Housing & Homelessness (AKHC2) is umbrella entity which need to be interfacing with CoC. Lead HUD org for CoC. There will be a HUD designated competition. lasts about 90 days from notice. NOFO coming out.

Haven house South Peninsula Behavioral Health (SPBH) and Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiative (KPHI) have historically been recipients in one form or another. KPHI WILL not pursue this round - one less entity on the peninsula and need to see if we can fill that spot.

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) in Homer thru SPBH. Have been asking if on auto renewal but we won't know until NOFO. For the first time, HUD is putting out a 2 year process. This summer leading into September then not again until 2026

COC has been responsible for Project Homeless Connect.

In 6 weeks we will start working on plan for next year. Kathy?

It was another successful event, quickly running out of space. Will probably be back at sports center next year. Once we have the date for next year we'll probably get a larger space.

Background on Southcentral Alliance for Family Resilience (SAFR) (Abby Struffert)

SAFR is under Change 4 the Kenai, and 100% is a large collaborative effort. It is framework that came about from NM after the death of an 8yo child Anna who was released to an abusive home. the leadership looked at how this could have been prevented for Anna and many others. It is a framework around how to measure access to these services through survey. The #1 reason this appeals to us is that it's pulling all needs under one team. We all talk about siloes and uncoordinated overlap. Bringing communities to a point where there's less OCS and/or police intervention, less reliance on services.

Held town hall to unveil survey data. Then built out action teams for ten vital services. We are recruiting members. Work on projects where 100% of community can access services, afford services in an easy way. Action team leads meet quarterly while action teams meet monthly. All meet annually.

Alaska Impact Alliance (AIA) enhanced the survey we used, to collect more information. ours stopped at how accessible, while AIA built it into qualtrics system using to capture data better and get more detail about why a service isn't accessible.

AIA data housed online in community dashboards

Needed a community resource guide - for the Kenai. An up to date and comprehensive PDF was 40 pages. Now an online platform, we have the green light to build into an app, which does not require internet access except for updates. Rural friendly.

Discussion around funding for housing / 100% Communities Coordinator

Fairbanks City has a Rasmuson funded position for a Housing Coordinator.

Getting the borough to host that position has been a hard sell. If we can reach out to Rasmuson. we couldn't do AMHTA because of borough nor hosting

Renters class provided through Kenai Peninsula College

Nikiski shelter of hope - census report from Jan 1 2022 - May 2024: served 136 households, 122 exited households, 65 went to sustainable housing.

12,042 bed nights and 32,000 meals. And, for 22 months we were reduced in capacity due to the sprinkler system updates required by the fire marshal. We are full and with waiting list as ever.

Transportation committee prepared plan and submitted to borough.

AMHTA Partnership grant for shelter DDA to prepare LOI for Trust and strategize Rasmuson funding approach.

How to Support the Shelter

Always need financial support. We will be putting a monthly wish list up on the Facebook. paper products and cleaning supplies. Copy paper for applications and resumes. universal remote controls, small screen TVs. coffee, eggs, butter, milk, and regular bread are always needed

Youth Alaska Action Board on Housing and Homelessness (YAABHH) - is recruiting 14-24.

Footie is turning 28 but is team lead. Anchorage Writers Block bookstore is doing a fine dining experience as fundraiser for our team. Looking for folks to partner with like this.

They did receive YHSI grant. This gives us a budget once we receive it. Looking for ideas on systems improvement

Meal Program For Kids Distribution -United Methodist Church on Wednesdays. 7 days. Kids need to be present first time but after that parents can pick up meals. any youth up to age 18.

Housing Alaska Private Public Partnership (HAPP) \$6M. We hope that remains. Leslie to send taking points. First round was \$1M so lots of housing. looking for shovel ready projects that need top off money

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