

12/13/22 Quarterly with Continuum of Care and Kenai Peninsula Homelessness Coalition

Committees

Education & Awareness

Interest in a class for renters. Wayne Mundy has been looking for info on this, some other states have initiatives they are using that we can look at

Jodi – The Department of Corrections back in the day did a course for individuals under supervision that was discontinued due to lack of participation. I can get information on that DoC-approved program that worked with folks, got them a certificate, went through the whole process of what renting entails.

Covenant House has a ready to rent program – this is the same program through Alaska Housing and Finance. The Fairbanks LoveINC affiliate did it for years but they're no longer an affiliate and the director has moved. Conversation with Lenore and with Tyson Cox about pulling that together. Oregon is the closest state do us that does it.

Officially 501c3 – have determination letter from IRS. The next step is to work on the LLC with is under Kenai Peninsula Shelters of Hope. Has its own tax id number. We have incorporators initially, who are:

Kathy Gensel - manager
Tim Navarre
Abby Ferrer
Karen Martin-Tichenor
Frances Azzad-Smith
Leslie Rohr

Bridges meeting last night was cancelled due to snow – we will be bringing a resolution before the board to transfer the title of Nikiski Shelter of hope to Kenai Peninsula Shelters of Hope. Once we approve that resolution, we transfer the title and get that information to the borough. It will be property- tax exempt. Steve Mahoney has been the attorney. Alaska Community Foundation funds are being used for this, any fees, Jack's time is coming out of that fund.

We'll need to get the incorporators together, open a checking account to pay for insurance etc.

Leslie – I have been out sick and unable to run most recent numbers. We are at capacity, closing in on 100 people and over 5000 bed-nights. I would say we have done a pretty good job of making a small dent in meeting needs of the community.

Home Depot dropped a bunch of supplies this past weekend – paper products, laundry and dish soap, all kinds.

Santa Claus will be visiting the shelter on 12/23

Homeless Coordinator – took a vote to apply for grant. Update? We did make it through the first round, waiting for HUD approval which would come shortly after first of year. It's not a done deal yet, it has been a process. Continued prayers that that is going to happen.

Have we made any progress with the borough on the AMHTA? Haven't heard back from anyone at the borough/AMHTA but perhaps Tim knows more.

Group of folks in Homer that want to have a round table on housing and homelessness, convening people and making the list now. Jeffrey Eide with South Peninsula Hospital Foundation is putting this together.

Some suggestions from last time and over email threads in Homer, and it seemed like for one reason or another it didn't work out. Sourdough Express changed owners, I know Jane Dunn reached out to Lisa Talbot at Methodist Church – concerns about church taking on responsibility of cold weather shelter.

Transportation

Had a meeting, waiting on coordinated transportation meeting, looking at February 23rd. Hoping to hold it at the Challenger Learning Center. Working with Marnie, working to get the Borough to host it. Next meeting January 10th

Project Homeless Connect

- Central Peninsula Project Homeless Connect – January 31, 2023 Soldotna Sports Center
- Seward Cares – A Project Homeless Connect Event Feb. 1 11am – 4pm AVTEC Gym

Homer and Anchor Point will also be Tuesday January 31st.

Kathleen: We had talked about getting Habitat for Humanity involved. Perhaps if we secure a property needing building or a building needing work, we could get volunteer construction workers and get the building academy on board – if there is difficulty finding existing usable property, perhaps donated time would be a workaround. Officer Ryan Grim was/is on the board of HoH and is at KPD, he would know.

Closed 12:30