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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Friday, January 31, 2020 Meeting #20 Agenda

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: Whatcom County Civic Center Annex,
322 N. Commercial, Garden Room

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- 1. Welcome and Introductions**, HSW Chair, Whatcom County Councilmember Barry Buchanan
 - The purpose of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup, is to identify
 - Additional temporary winter shelters,
 - Added capacity for year round shelters.
 - Additional opportunities to address the needs of the county's homeless population, and
 - An additional purpose of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup (as per 8/9/19 meeting) is to create a communication network for organizations to work together better.
 - Strategies to prevent people from having no other option than to sleep outside.
 - **Approve Meeting Summary, Meeting #19, January 17, 2020**
 - 2. Rest Stops**, Chris Kobdich (Unity Care NW), Mike Parker (Opportunity Council)
 - 3. Status Updates on Shelters**
 - Winter Shelters (3-month shelters)
 - Severe Weather (Emergency) Shelters
 - 4. Strategies and Action Items**
 - Updated Strategies Chart
 - Action Items for 2020

5. Communications Subcommittee

- Communications strategy to the broader public, in addition to communications effort to homeless populations, and customized messaging for small cities (Communications Subcommittee)
 - Near term needs
 - Long term services (toward permanency)
 - Broader community (education, engagement, coordinated messaging)

6. Discussion of Next Steps

- Next meeting: February 14, 2020, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Garden Room
- **Additional meetings (to be confirmed)**
 - Feb 28, 2020
 - March 13, 2020
 - March 27, 2020
 - April 10, 2020
 - April 24, 2020
 - May 8, 2020
 - May 22, 2020

7. Public Comment

Time will be divided equally among speakers with 3 minutes maximum per person. Written input can also be submitted.

***Whatcom County Councilmembers have been invited to attend the meeting.
It is likely a quorum of the Council will attend.***

Thank you for helping to end homelessness in Whatcom County