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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Friday, February 14, 2020 Meeting #21 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 #20, January 31, 2020**
 2. **Updates from HomesNow**, Markis Stidham
 3. **Child & Family Action Plan**, Councilmember Frazey
 4. **Expanding the Membership of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup**
 - Additional small cities representatives
 - Child & Family representative
 - DVSAS representative
 - WTA representative
 - Schools
 5. **Status Updates on Shelters**
 - Winter Shelters (3-month shelters)

- Severe Weather (Emergency) Shelters

6. HSW Strategies and Actions

- Updates and feedback on edits
- Coordination with Plan to End Homelessness

7. 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)
- Review draft 1-page handout, provide feedback and direction
- Identify next project for the Subcommittee
- Consider additional Subcommittee members
- Next Communications Subcommittee meeting: Friday, February 21, 2020 at 2pm

8. Discussion of Next Steps

- Next HSW meeting: February 28, 2020, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Garden Room
- Additional meetings
 - March 13, 2020
 - March 27, 2020
 - April 10, 2020
 - April 24, 2020
 - May 8, 2020
 - May 22, 2020

9. 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