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Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Friday, February 28, 2020 Meeting #22 Agenda

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

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

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 #21, February 14, 2020**
2. **Expanding the Membership of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup**
 - Resolution at County Council (AB2020-094)
3. **Status Updates on Shelters**
 - Winter Shelters (3-month shelters)
 - Severe Weather (Emergency) Shelters
4. **HSW Strategies and Actions**
 - Feedback on edits (ranking, updates, accomplishments, additions)
 - Next steps
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)
- Draft 1-page handout, provide feedback and direction
- Additional tasks

6. Discussion of Next Steps

- Next HSW meeting: March 13, 2020, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Garden Room
- Additional meetings
 - 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