

City of Auburn Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness

DRAFT Meeting Summary for Meeting #5: Thursday, March 3, 2016

5:00 – 7:30pm

City Hall Council Chambers

MEETING ATTENDANCE					
Task Force Members & Alternates:					
Sylvia Fuerstenburg <i>For Sarah Christiansen</i>	✓	Alexis Schleiss	✓	Carla Hopkins	✓
Alexander Foster	✓	Leticia Figueroa	✓	Jeremy James	✓
Virginia Gannon	✓	Kyle Carrier <i>For Dennis Grad</i>	✓	Julia Jordan	X
Debbie Christian	✓	Jeff Escobar	X	Ron Roberts	✓
Laura Kniss	✓	Cara Brinkley	✓	Diane Cimino-Kelly	✓
Ted Leonard	✓	Denise Daniels	X	Kathie Blaschke	✓
Staff Support Team:					
Erica Azcueta	✓	Tami Kapule	✓	Bill Pierson	✓
Karen Reed, Facilitator	✓	Jamie Kelly	✓	Kristin Winkel	X
Emily Pearson	✓	Eric Robertson	X	Dana Hinman	✓
Guests:					
		Larry Todd	✓		

The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.

Welcome, Introductions, Review of Agenda. Karen Reed, Task Force facilitator, welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda. She noted for those in the audience that the task force will take public comment at the end of the meeting and written comment forms are also available.

Co-Chair Remarks. Carla Hopkins offered to give up her time for co-chair remarks to Larry Todd from the King County Landlord Liaison Project (LLP). Mr. Todd's comments noted:

- LLP is a partnership between landlords, property managers, service agencies and the YWCA to help those who've experienced homelessness find permanent housing
- Works to assist in finding permanent housing by lowering the screening criteria for applicants. They can be used as an insurance policy for a 2-year period to ensure successful tenancy
- Funding is available to help with incidentals – credit checks, damage deposits, etc.
- Planning strategies for the future: make this a priority. Recruit landlords and help them realize this is a public thank you to help those in need. Positive outcome makes landlords want to continue to partner

Approval of summary notes from Meeting #4. Corrections to last meeting's minutes: Virginia Gannon was in attendance; Kyle's last name is Carrier. As corrected, the minutes were approved.

Response to Task Force Questions. Karen noted that responses to the questions from Meeting 4 are in the packet.

Task Force Discussion: Impressions from review of focus groups transcripts. The group was asked to review transcripts from the focus groups. Karen Reed thanked Erica Azcueta & Carla Hopkins for their work with these groups

Review of Problem Statement, Definition of Success

Karen asked for comments on the revised draft “problem statement.”

- So many are addicted; let’s put it into what success can look like: emphasis on funding, treatment and follow-up treatment. Can we get help here?
- If I’m 55, homeless, with no family, not a veteran, where do I go? This group seems to be a low priority. Where would one start? 2-1-1?
- More visibility of access to services. Instead of negatively reflecting habitual incorrect users of services, rephrase to: a less inappropriate use of services

Additional comments should be forwarded to Karen.

Criteria for recommendations, draft framework for recommendations: workable as presented.

Draft Ballot. Karen reviewed the draft ballot and outlined the next steps in the process. Once all ideas are pulled together and given an initial evaluation, all Task Force members will vote on each item. Per the approved Charter, those receiving at least 60% approval will be forwarded as recommendations; >80% approval items will be considered consensus recommendations. The ballot will be finalized and sent out to the Task Force after the next meeting.

Group exercise/Homework. Task Force and support team members were invite to write down their homework ideas for potential Task Force recommendations, and to place them on the framework poster on the wall. Karen then reviewed all the ideas with the group for clarification. Additional ideas can be sent to Karen between now and the next meeting, and additional ideas will be taken at the next meeting.

Public Comment

- Rachel, citizen: Are there cameras at Les Gove, and if so, are they being monitored? **A:** (Bill Pierson, Police Dept.) Yes, there are cameras, but they aren’t monitored constantly. Their purpose is for access to evidence should a crime occur and the situation needs to be reviewed

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.