



ECHO convened at the Clark County Public Service Center, 6th Floor, Hearing Conference Room, also via WebEx Online.

Clark County ECHO

(Ending Community Homelessness Organization)

Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2023

ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Gary Medvigy, called the ECHO meeting to-order.

- **ACTION:** Minutes **APPROVED** with no objections.

- **DOCUMENT RECORDING FEES**

Presented by Michael Torres, Greg Kimsey, & Mark Gassaway

- Fees are collected by the County Auditor when real estate transactions are recorded.
- Approximately 60% of these fees are retained locally for very low-income housing and shelters, or for homeless services, per State Legislation.
- Approximately 40% of these fees are passed to the State and returned to local governments in the form of the Consolidated Homelessness Grant (CHG).
- HB2060
 - Est. by RCW 36.22.178
 - “Affordable Housing for All” surcharge
 - Requires an interlocal agreement between the County and Cities
 - About one-fifth of DRF
 - Allowed uses:
 - Rent vouchers
 - Emergency Shelter Ops.
- HB1359/HB2163
 - Est. by RCW 36.22.179
 - “Local Housing and Assistance” surcharge
 - Not covered by Interlocal
 - Goes to local governments with Homeless Plans
 - Allowed uses:
 - Operate the local Homeless Plan

- **CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM**

Presented by Laura Nichols, John Moren, & Blaise Geddry

- Adult Mobile Crisis (AMCI)
 - AMCI provides mobile crisis outreach services to adults having a mental or behavioral health crisis.
 - Their service area is all of Clark County.
 - They operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.
 - Their average response time is <30 min. through the SW Regional Crisis Line.
 - This program is 100% funded by Carelon Behavioral Health (formerly Beason Health Options).
 - In person response consist of:
 - MHP – Mental Health Professional
 - MHCP – Mental Health Care Professional
 - CPC – Certified Peer Counselor
- VPD Co-Responder program
 - CRESA texts or VPD calls AMCI staff directly (with out going through the SW WA Regional Crisis Line) which shortens the respond time to about 10 min.
 - Hours of Operation are M-F 8am to 12am. Only 1 VDP Co-Responder team is available during this time.



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- Clark Cowlitz Fire and Rescue Co-Response Pilot Program
 - Pilot went live 2023 for a 12-month pilot program.
 - MHP's co-respond to 911 calls alongside EMTs.
 - They are currently responding to District 3 only.
 - Their focus is on gathering data to build a case for sustainable funding.
- **HOUSTON HOMELESS RESPONSE**
Presented by Sesany Fennie-Jones & Michael Torres
 - Council for the Homeless Luncheon and Fundraiser
 - Kiggins Evening Event on October 19, 2023
 - Keynote Speaker: Mark Ikenbaum from Huston.
- **HOMELESS ACTION PLAN**
 - THIS WILL BE ON NEXT MONTHS AGENDA TO BE PRESENTED BY VANESSA GASTON & MICHAEL TORRES
- **UPDATE FROM EACH ENTITY AND ANY SUGGESTED ACTION ITEMS**
- Council for the Homeless: April 10th Council for the Homeless completed sixty in-person assessments.
- Vancouver Housing Authority: NONE
- Community Foundation for SW WA: NONE
- Clark County : NONE
- City of Vancouver: NONE
- City of Battle Ground: NONE
- City of Camas: NONE
- City of La center : New Mayor: Tom Strode
- City of Ridgefield: NONE
- City of Washougal: NONE
- **ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**
 - Name tags next month
 - Vancouver Mayor asked for the Cowlitz Formula
 - Maybe someone could speak to Outreach teams and what we need, how many teams are there?
- **NEXT MEETING**
June 13, 2023, 9:30-11am