



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 – July 11, 2023

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

- **ACTION:** Minutes **APPROVED** for June 13, 2023, with no objections.

- **HOMELESS SHELTER STATUS, HISTORY & WHAT'S NEEDED TO CREATE MORE BEDS**
 - Stats, presented by Michael Torres
 - Bertha's Place added 80 beds in 2021; Bertha's Too add 32 beds in 2022.
 - Outpost added 40 beds in 2021; Hope Village added 40 beds in 2022.
 - YWCA Safe Choice, adding 44 beds in July 2023.
 - Shelters receiving funds from the County:
 - Share House; Share Orchards Inn; Share Homestead; Share WHAT; YWCA Safe Choice; Janus Oak Bridge; Outsiders Inn St. Paul; Bertha's Place; Bertha's Place Too.
 - Shelter Services receive 22% of funds distributed.
 - County Funded Shelters:
 - Beds available: 330
 - Persons in Shelter: 320
 - Bed Utilization Rate: 91%-96%
 - Exit Success Rate: 40%-50%
 - Return to Homelessness: 20%-30%
 - What is needed to create more beds?
 - Funding; Operator: Location/Facility; Implementation Time; Options to Exit Shelter Housing.
 - SHARE, presented by Amy Reynolds
 - Share:
 - 54 Bed Capacity with a 97% utilization rate and a 17% rate of return.
 - Family Shelters:
 - 16 room capacity with a 95% utilization rate; a 57% exit success rate and a 0% return to homelessness rate.
 - WHAT:
 - 18 bed capacity with a 98% utilization rate; a 40% exit success rate with a 25% return to homelessness rate.
 - YWCA, presented by Beth Landry
 - Served 26 persons (11 adults/15Children), 96% utilization rate, 41% exit to permanent housing.
 - Oak Bridge Youth Shelter, presented by Alaire De Salvo
 - May 2023: 9 youth served; 38% bed utilization rate.
 - June 2023: 5 youth served; 17% bed utilization rate.
 - April/May/June 2023: 60% exit to permanent housing.



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- **HOMELESS PROGRAM OUTCOMES & DISCUSSION ON GAPS IN SERVICES – ADD TO NEXT AGENDA**

Presented by Michael Torres

- **UPDATE FROM EACH ENTITY AND ANY SUGGESTED ACTION ITEMS**

- Council for the Homeless: NONE
- 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: NONE
- City of Ridgefield: NONE
- City of Washougal: NONE

- **ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Add to next agenda:

- Discussion on how to engage and get cities input for the next Homeless Action Plan.

- **NEXT MEETING**

August 8, 2023, 9:30-11am

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