



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

## Clark County ECHO

(Ending Community Homelessness Organization)

Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2024

ECHO Chair, Clark County Councilor, Sue Marshall, called the ECHO meeting to-order.

**Meeting Facilitated By:** Nancy Pionk

### Welcome and Introductions

### Approval Of Minutes


**ACTION:** Moved by Mayor Hogan to **APPROVE** minutes for December 12, 2023. Motion was seconded by Mayor Lindsay. All aye/motion passed.

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- Facilitator Nancy Pionk reviewed the agenda and the expectations from today's meeting.

### Charter Review

Facilitated by Nancy Pionk

- Subcommittee Report Back and Discussion:
    - It was stated that they focused in on the Homeless Crisis Response System Chart and zeroing in on the entities and what their roles are and how ECHO fits in to that system.
    - We should take a step back to clarify, to get a grasp so the same work is not being duplicated.
  - How does ECHO fit within the homeless crisis response system?
    - Review of roles of Community Action Board, Continuum of Care, UCPB, Council for the Homeless:
      - Presented by Michael Torres
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 ECHO Charter  
 Crosswalk v3.pptx
- Where should ECHO's role fit within the system?
    - The Homeless Action Plan is where we set out strategies, and that goes up to State and eventually the state is held accountable through HUD.
      - The question is: *What is ECHO's role in the Homeless Action Plan?*
    - Focus on where the needs are and work with Olympia.
    - Internal Communication between the groups and ECHO within the Charter.
    - Better understanding of the Homeless Action Plan.
    - Have a member of ECHO on the Steering Committee.
  - Clarify and agree on ECHO's role:

### Severe Weather Event After Action Review

Facilitated by Nancy Pionk

- Subcommittee Report Back and Recommendations:
  - Met on February 27<sup>th</sup>, had a great turn out from members from Savior Church, Living Hope Church, Outsiders Inn, River City, and Saint Paul Lutheran Church, discussed the intended outcome, what went well, what could have gone better, what challenges there were, and can be done differently next time. This was to really look at the system planning that is in place, and there were a lot of learning lessons based on our discussions.
    - 400 people were sheltered.
    - 120 people were provided motel vouchers.



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- There was outreach.
- There was discussion around our measure of success should not be there were zero fatalities, there were open wounds, there was someone that almost died, there was someone else that had to be Narcan. There were people not trained, because of the storm.
- Discussion of what could be done differently next time:
  - The Current Faith community can no longer sustain the increased need we have.
  - There are increased safety and security considerations that need to be addressed for our volunteer.
  - More training and expertise in first aid, treating trauma, overdoses, mental and behavioral health from everyone.
  - A better comprehensive planning within the Homeless Crisis Response System.
- The Server Weather Response is no longer just Severe Weather; It's Emergency Response System.
- The faith-based shelters can no longer liability insurance.
- Solutions:
  - Having a rapid response plan in place.
  - Training and development plan.
  - Looking at public places and facilities to be those places for shelter.
  - Providing that incident command training and bringing in Red Cross, CRESA...etc.
- Next Steps:
  - Explore the subgroup with the taskforce and invite additional organizations to the table.
- A systemic overall issue, non-profits plan for the dollar amount they have but the needs far exceed the dollar amount. It's difficult to get an adequate or appropriate plan together and implemented, if we aren't willing to take a look at what it would take to meet the real life needs that are occurring.

### **Update on Document Recording Fee Shortfall in 2024**

Presented by Jordan Boege, Clark County Sr. Policy Analyst

- Update on the conversation from the last meeting related to the state budget that was recently adopted by both the House and Senate and our efforts to ask them to provide additional recording document recording fee dollars to make up for the shortfall that we are seeing.
- The legislature provided an additional \$9M in 2024 and \$34M in 2025 to address the shortfall across the state.

### **Closing**

- April meeting agenda topics
  - Follow-up on the Charter Review.
  - How does ECHO communicate with CAAB, UCPB, and CoC Steering Committee.
  - Beginning to work on our Work Plan for the year.
  - What engagements, practices, and agreements do you want to have with each other and to set a protocol for the meetings.
- Anything for the good of the order
  - Email out notes from the subcommittees to the group before the meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING**

*April 9, 2024; 9:30am – 11am*

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