

CoC General Membership Meeting
November 14th, 3034

Location: Simms Building Room 275. 808 S. Buchanan

Meeting called to order: Kraig 10:03am

Reminder to all attendees to sign in electronically

Welcome and Introductions

Kraig provided an general overview of what the Continuum of Care is designed to do.

Committee Reports-

Lead Agency Report- Angela Snow. Organizing the PIT count. January 31st. Encouraged agencies to sign up teams. QR code on the table. There will be an option if you are willing to have a volunteers join the team so that newbies can be matched with experienced players. Teams will have their routes prior to the date. Multiple trainings will be provided including mock interviews. Resource fair will be a the civic center.

HMIS – brief explanation of the system. Currently transition to a new vendor. New go live date for agencies will be in February.

New Business

Desperate needs for jackets and gloves

Agency Spotlight – Transformation park – Jame Bellar. Currently doing a feeding ministry. Feeding 500 to 700 people a day. Schedule for April to the ribbon cutting. Two facilities in one. Safe Space, that anyone can come off the street. Cots. No tents due ot safety. Showers. Not going to be security, but come and go. Amesty lockers just inside for contrabands. Cabin Community. 45 cabins designated for individuals that are working to find permanent housing. Cabins are designed to be temporary, no time limit, just have to be moving forward. Cabin community will have to give back, provide peer support. Goal is not to duplicate services.

Training/Education: Cold Weather Services Panal Discussion – Shanna

Bryan Gulluspie – GRSC. Usually Monday through Friday. Due to cold weather will be open on Sundays, doors open at 7:30am. Hope is that this will begin this Sunday. On day of cold weather, may extend times so that there is an over lap with night shelters. Provide cold weather gear. IF there are pets and it's below 32 degrees, can have Need: Weather gear. Kennels. Hygiene supplies

Virginia – Code Blue warming. Low barrier overnight shelter. Traditional activities. Wind chille of 18 or below. Snow on the ground, or percipitation of 70% or greater. In addition if the

weather is damp and the air temp will be below 32. Pets are allowed. Short on leashes. Cat food, Dog food. Need funding. No longer getting funds from Amarillo Area Foundation and beans and cornbread. Need help covering for cost of rent a port a potties. Food for residents.

Salvation Army (Jermain Gardner & Terry): Open seven days a week. Check in time remains the same. Only barrier is ADLs. The only bans will be those previously banned or those sexual offenders. However will work with them to find an alternative location. Max capacity is 170, generally no more than 150. Cold weather nights don't count towards their stay.

Justin Ward – City – facilitating people getting into shelters and improve communication. During winter months the panelists are meeting once a month to facilitate communication and connection.

Shanna- speaking for faith city mission. They have some kennels, not limited to just men. The cold weather does not count towards length of stay. Cold weather drive. Gloves and blankets and jackets. 6 locations for collections.

Review Texas Law regarding camping. Local ordinance cannot supercede that. Encourage people to talk to their local legislative

PIT count: Angela

CoC Response to Community Events Involving those who are homeless – Kraig
CoC primary responsibility is advocacy, collaboration, and communication. Power of CoC is in the participating agencies. Kindly and respectfully working together. It is important to arm oneself with information that 100% correct and factual. Responsibility to challenge incorrect information.

New Meeting location next year

Announcements:

CoC applications will change. Each agency will fill out an application. Then each member individual will fill out an application. Goal is to gather better data on individual members.

Agape- Need to have more voices of those who are homeless currently.

November 19th Salvation Army Little Caesar pizza.

Cenikor- ability to rent rooms- costs depends on number of roommates

Northside Toy Drive. December 14th.

Movie will start shooting the 8th of December.

