

March 4 Zoom Captioning

Anybody who's on here want to chime in and introduce yourself?

Hi, I'm Toni Allen from the native project. We've been doing a lot of clinics for communities. We did vaccine clinics last week and that went really well. We vaccinated 450 people.

It was arranged with the community leaders and the next one will be on the 13th and you sign up through our community leaders to get the vaccine

We're still doing our wellness program that has like 80 participants. Helping with laundry vouchers with our patients

Thank you Toni

I'm the SNAP homeless services manager. I'm talking about the hotel and motel project that we talked about recently.

I see Rick and Virginia are here and they will share their parts too.

Francis - tell us hello

maybe you're busy working

Rob Stevens, can you say hello

Anybody want to say hi and chime in?

Gary S. with Goodwill supportive services for veterans

our primary function is making contact with veterans who are homeless or on the verge of it and giving homeless referrals and helping to get them off of the streets.

Cara Reidy

I am one of two behavioral health ambassadors for the Spokane regional service area

We work with advocates to help people get into services for mental health

Cara - we are funded by the state and are contracted through behavioral health services organization. It is a service that is funded through the state.

Francis - we all work in community court

Francis was part of the leadership team in the homeless coalition

Shari - I am just an encourager. I'm a retired social state social worker and I'm on the board in Colberg. I wanted to mention to Rick Clark. If you follow the networking e-mails, there are always a lot of people to meet a need that no program seems to meet. I was going to suggest to Rick that he create a community fund that has no strings attached so when people run into a dead end that they would have a resource for that dead end. Rick can you please put that on the to do list.

Rick - I can't wait to talk about that. The need is so great - 100 people need help every day. You can't save everyone and if you start go-fund-me's, people get tired of it. We need to start something else. I'm in school for my master's program and I think we're kind of doing it in a way.

Sharri Gangitano - I actually posted something in the chat about it.

I am the co-founder of Spokane Valley Community Advocates - east of Spokane, Valley Ford is our area of service

3 parts to mission - we want to create a resource hub out here. People have struggled to get help. And advocacy of course and help them raise their own voices. The other part of it is mutual aid. We created REACT - it's the concept responsive emergency aid communications tree. It's taking the old church phone tree and creating a community wide text

we can just put it out there and get a response back. Agencies, government officials - area wide, not a small group of people.

Rob - community connector with Molina. My job is to try to stay on top of all the community resources and help Molina members or anyone who needs it - identify services that fill the gap. Whether that's electricity or medical equipment.

Announcements

1 - we have a person who is close captioning

2. in the e-mail I sent out - there's a link to a YouTube channel that someone can go to if there are too many people. They can't put things in chat, but hopefully that works.

Robert - thanks everyone for another month of tuning into the Spokane Homeless Coalition

thank you for the participation and I like to see the turnout. I'm glad that you guys are tuning into what is going on with us.

Real quick - just want to give a quick overview of coalition - it's training, communication and advocacy - advocating for people and all of you are on the front lines in some capacity

I am one of the leadership members of the coalition. I work at Providence at a charity clinic downtown

virtual event - mute microphone and directing your questions to the focus of the group. If you have any questions before they start, please put them in the chat box. I try to keep an eye on that.

Google Groups - there are 1200 members on this chain. It's great to see the success stories on that chain. When we are sharing information, please advocate the strengths of perspectives and utilize our platform through that coalition to make the best of that situation as possible. Please utilize that responsibly

Last thing - last note we didn't have time to go around for kudos

just a moment to reflect time where you had successful engagements of collaboration

I want to take some time to hand over the virtual microphone to share collaboration within the live stream

Rob - I've been grateful for how quickly things have gotten done

Amber - a big shout out to the community and all of the organization that stepped up to push for policies to make sure tenants are not being evicted due to the moratorium and thank you for everyone who responded to the action alerts. It's not over yet.

We'll allow for a couple more for those brave enough to speak up.

Don't be shy

Shari - for the last 2 months, maybe closer to 3, Mourice and I have been collaborating and I've been posting his videos each week in my church electronic news letters so people are able to see his stories that he documents through video and it's been great for the people in our congregation

thank you for posting those, they are very informative - that is a great opportunity for us to learn and get that voice and platform

thank you for everyone for putting in your 2 cents as to how we collaborate.

I'm looking at this board of all these different resources and each one has its own gaps and barriers but when we work together and bring those gaps together, it helps out a lot

Right now, I'm going to hand it back over to Barry. He's going to introduce us into a short clip. Shari gave us a great segue into the clip

Barry - Mourice Smith makes a lot of videos and sends it out to the coalition - I'm going to share the first and last minute.

watching and listening and wondering about what these homeless people are all about, what would you say

I would say that we are one big family and from what I've seen, most of these people just need a spark of home, they're missing their kids, the addiction part of it, it's mostly the heart issue. Seeing someone who cares. Seeing someone who cares

thank you for sharing that with us.

Mourice, do you have a note for us to take with that?

We'll just move on, but please, those videos, if you're feeling compelled, please watch the entire thing. It's available through the Google+ chain and the coalition's website

thank you again. I want to now introduce Mr. Ben Stuckart.

Ben - thanks you. I am the executive director of the low income housing consortium. Trying to increase our stock of low income housing. I just became the chair of the COC (continuum of care) HUD designates about 4.4 million to the COC every year to divert people off of the streets. They fund all of those programs

COC represents different sectors, K-12 system, behavioral health, it's the one board in the community that has funding and has representatives from all different systems

I think it's important that 3 members of the board have lived experience

I'm here to share my experience as COC chair and I've volunteered to come monthly. This is amazing - I've never seen where someone can post a need and get the resources they need.

I want to be here and answer questions

I'm going to put my e-mail address in the chat

I believe it's great to communicate openly. I also follow the HC - it's better to use my e-mail address. every month I'll come up and give a report regarding what the COC is doing right now. there is a 5 year plan to end homelessness right now.

We are updating that plan now, and I'm helping to initially learning the system and veing a resource for people to vonnect

Dale - the vice chair of the COC - do you have anyting to add

We have 2 stake holder meetings and annual planning (April()) where you would learn what is really funded with that money and thanks for all that you do

who would be involved in that 5 year plan?

COC has a group of sub committee - veterans family youth, numerous committess - you can e-mail me if you are interested in being part of a sub-committee

I don't want to say as we're updating this plan we're stuck. i've had my own frustrations with resources to the system and how they are used. I need people to gibe feedback.

I've seen frustrations from Jewels regarding how resources are fudning out and I will work on communication as things move forward and I'm open to change

you mentioned you have a dual role with low income housing

low income housing consortion - 30 different members - architecheds, developers. My job is to advocate legislatively

the most inportant thing we can do for housing is call yoru legislature

we have to think about housing a keeping people in homes and we also have to think about regulatin for zoning

my job is to look at this end point is to create more homes and I'm working on immercing myself into housing and how to we keep peope from becoming homeless

Any closing comments before we move on?

I appreciate all the peopek who are doing the ground work and I can't express how important it is that people are making personal onnections and resourcing.

Ben, will you be able to stay past 1030?

I'm at the beach on the Oregon Coast -taking the dog for a walk - just send an e-mail. I'd love to be included and if there's anything we can do.

we'll stay in tuned to what comes after this meeting regarding the homeless sweep

Now, we have Kylie or Kiera regarding vacine update.

Kylie is here.

what's going on? what is the perception with the vacine? have people bought into it? is there another dosage?

we had 8 clinicvs mon, tues, wed - 2nd doses for people who got the first dose. we are still limited due to who is qualified.

people who are 55 ot older or 60 or older

we have one more clinic

we were a little concerned with being able to find people 28 days later

we're happy with what we've done so far and we're hoping we can catch the other 184 people who need their 2nd dose

allocation is complicated - we have enough vaccine -but we're limited to who can get it

we're excited that teachers are now qualified as well as child care workers.

that might impact when that next phase will open up and how we can move on. We are viewing it that everyone can get a vaccine, the question is when? When we get the

we have 4 outbreaks going on in shelters

HOPE house is in an outbreak but no case since 19

UGM outbreak - no one since 2/9

HOC outbreak - one case last week.

Everyone is working to keep those numbers low and doing a great job at keeping the spread down in the shelters.

we had truth ministries, hope house, city church, UGM, HOC. Canon

what has been the perception of people getting the vaccine

I would say the large majority are really excited to get the vaccine

it's heartbreaking to us when we have to tell people no. We're hearing that people want the vaccine, but we have to wait until DOH guidance allows us to. When we're talking to the community, we are working on the highest risk and right now it's age

right now they know so much about the vaccine, and most people know someone who's had it and are ok.

other counties are not having that kind of success - they have the vaccine, but no one wants it

it says a lot about our community and the people who are working hard to get the information out so that people understand

we will be getting Johnson and Johnson at the health district - 1 dose series instead of 2 dose series. This is for people who would have a hard time getting the 2nd appointment. we would like to have some more conversations about this to make sure the information is focused.

we are definitely focusing on that and making sure that what we do at the health district is equity based. nothing official, we're still talking it through

for those not using the shelter system, can they go to get the vaccine?

You have to be living in a shelter - right now the highest risk is people who are staying in shelters, not people who are experiencing homelessness and the multiple ways you could qualify for that - couch surfing or sleeping in your car. we're really trying to get the highest risk first

91 participants that are very good at system jumping so we'll figure it out at some point.

thank you Kylie for your update and we look forward to the update next month.

up next,, we have the SNAP individuals here to talk a little about the emergency hotel - temporary placement - and what that looked like.

Good morning everyone.

please give us a recap as to how this develop. we could have amped the communication with the front line workers and we want to utilize our platform here to prepare for what comes in the future - than kyou for all that you do

thank you for having us. It was a really fast roll out. the city of spokane contacted us 12 hours before they expected us to go live.

throughout the 10 days that we were working on it. we touched 107 clients.

when wer first agreed - it was just 10 people - helping people who needed housing due to Covid concerns and cold. It got bigger and morphed as it went. communication - we met with the city - everyone who participated in the program - shelters and outreach workers met with the city

Communication with you with how to communicate to get people there. there was an e-mail that went out to the shelters. it was a 24/7 e-mail throughout that program.

SNAP is not a shelter provider but they have access to keep that e-mail going. Right now we have availability knowledge and to have good communication.

communication is something we have to look at next time - incimate weather is something that isn't new to us.

Throughout the 10 days - 107 people utilized that services. some people stayed for a few days and some people were there for the entire time.

I know a lot of community members are grateful.

was the selection process targeting people in the shelters

the approach was people who would not do well in a shelter - medical vulnerability - age - for another reason wouldn't do well in a shelter.

those folks have already transitioned back to a shelter or housing - which is always the goal.

we were looking at people who couldn't go into a shelter and freeing up the room in the shelter

in the future, for the sake of consistency, SNAP will be selected for these seasonal things because you guys did a phenomenal job of getting this done

in the future, how can we provide support for people who may not utilize the shelter system?

let me be clear that we focused on that group during this program.

we have outreach who go to people on the streets and sees people who don't access shelter systems. I saw a couple questions popping up.

what happened to the people who run the shelters?

a majority of the shelters and outreach workers were sending people and they gave up their beds to go into the motel and there was a lot of communication. No one said they weren't able to get their bed in the shelter after the motel stay.

address any other questions in the chat box, through the chat box.

how was the experience with you as far as pursuing people not in the shelters.

I had about 7 individuals that we put into the hotels - there was a lot of people who declined going into the hotel or the shelters. that's something that needs to be discussed.

there are people who didn't want to engage and we can't force them.

a lot of people were interested and it went well from an outreach standpoint.

107 total clients who went into a motel.

give us some insight into what your approach was and I saw your facebook video

it was a really fun day - I was in communication with 3 Amandas that day. with all of the messages in my in-box - we went onto the spokane quarantine page - its' 30000 community members who will roll up their sleeves and get busy

I've only deleted 2 people in 30000 in a year. if you're not in the group, you're missing out because it's the best of humanity.

in 6 hours we raised over 11,000 - we bought 7 different meals for people. It's to support the restaurant agency and these, amazing meals who people may not get to experience, were going to people in need.

I work best under pressure - I do much better at planning short term - we got a message for the Mayor - we can tap into a bunch of people who want to volunteer and they want to give.

overall - it was the best of humanity - in the darkness - this light comes in.

we're creating a new kind of community out of the ashes and I'm honored to be a part of it.

has that outpouring in response sparked anything for the future for support

nothing is off the table - we raised 20000 for meals on wheels for valentines day -

communicating things properly - you will be amazed at what comes out of it.

this has been the worse year of our history and the best year that I've seen in the realm of humanity. Spokane is putting other cities - we are showing people that we can do good things when we work together.

what we also do is team up with other agencies - it's important that we work together. We can't get to every message - but please e-mail us directly and we can see what we can do - we can't do it alone.

we need to bring all of these fragments together and thank you to Amanda and the other Amanda

closing remarks - thank you for everyone who participated - the shelters, community members, Rick Clark, the people offered to help - it was amazing

thank you for the support in saving the lives of people. Thank you for those that participated and supported

3rd Ave building being built - VOA - Heather and Ryanne

shelter update - on west 3rd, we are building a new building - there will be 2 programs. It was small and not intended to be a shelter - so in the last 2 years we have done research - we will be expanding to 80 beds and respite to 22 beds. We should be in the phase by 4/26 and move over and get things set up.

we have an opportunity to be hosting a part of the new young adults shelter

we will reserve most of the respite space to serve 18-24

continue to offer housing resource services and expanding our services. Working on making sure we can offer DV advocacy, peer support groups and behavioral health.

can you talk about expansion of respite beds?

Currently we are taking referrals for respite beds - they have access to a quieter space in the shelter.

we will be rolling out MH services there as well. We do a lot of wrap around services. we work on housing and pioneer care and specialty care so they can start their recovery process

the shelters on the first floor - the next floors are studios - permanent supportive housing and come with section 8 voucher and we have wrap around supports. we have an RN on our team - we have 2 MH clinicians and we have case specialist and case management. we will just do our best to keep folks housed as long as possible. I've been asking SNAP for referrals - they all come through SNAP process. We are starting eligibility. We have a pretty good system and have ironed out the kinds and

we are able to move people in at the end of April. There are volunteer opportunities - building beds, chairs, dressers - people will move in with what is donated - cleaning supplies, pots and pans.

they get to stay forever as long as they want and we have a team that will help them move if that's their choice

peer support groups, art groups, community space in the building and security will be there too to support our folks.

what does the coordinated access look like?

they take a SDAT - to see how vulnerable they are. Permanent supportive housing is the most vulnerable in Spokane. I request referrals and they send me 16 names and then it's our job to get the needed documents. I then meet with them

catholic charities is providing management of the building. they will stick with them and get them moved in. My dream is to have everyone assessed and determined eligible before the building opens.

I would love to get all 60 people moved in by May

No real background issues and if there are issues - I dispute

I would love to talk more about it next month. we are hoping to get someone in Ariel's position. we'll talk more about it next month

thank you for the update - closing comments?

If anyone wants to help - e-mail me or Amanda and if anyone wants to volunteer - please reach out to us,

please put contact info in the chat

thank you everyone for participating in the SHC meeting. we reserve this end time for announcements that could benefit this group.

We will be discussing the e-mails that came through regarding the sweeps and we will make sure to communicate this to al.