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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Friday, February 5, 2021

Meeting #37 AGENDA

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Remote online meeting, for more information visit
<http://whatcomcounty.us/2748/Homeless-Strategies-Workgroup-Meeting-In>

1. Welcome, HSW Chair, Whatcom County Councilmember Barry Buchanan (10 min)

- a) The purpose of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup, is to identify
 - Additional temporary winter shelters,
 - Added capacity for year-round shelters.
 - Additional opportunities to address the needs of the county's homeless population, and
 - An additional purpose of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup (as per 8/9/19 meeting) is to create a communication network for organizations to work together better.
 - Strategies to prevent people from having no other option than to sleep outside.
- b) Roll Call
- c) Approval of Meeting Summary: Meeting 36 – January 22, 2021
- d) Next Meeting: Friday, February 19, 2021; 1:30pm
- e) HSW member voting rule
 - **Approve HSW voting rule for a motion to pass if a majority of voting members present are in favor, rather than a majority of all HSW members.**

2. Scope and Purpose of HSW, Anne Deacon (40 min)

3. Discuss growing capacity for providers and infrastructure in our community (30 min)

- What can be done to expand the pool of providers in Whatcom County

4. Winter Shelters (10 min)

Public comments will not be heard during this meeting. Written comments may be submitted to council@co.whatcom.wa.us (Please address comments to 'Homeless Strategies Workgroup').