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Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Friday, April 16, 2021

Meeting #40 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 (5 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 39 – March 5, 2021

2. Review of Shelter Inventory and Data, Anne Deacon (50 min)

- a) Inventory of all known shelters, to include type, people served, and operator
- b) General assessment of needs for shelter capacity based on quantitative and qualitative data
- c) Proposed recommendations for HSW to advise County Council
- d) Initial plan for shelter services next winter

3. Subcommittees (10 min)

(Unsheltered, Winter/Severe Weather, Youth, Families, Funding, Communications)

- Updates
- Structure for future work
- Schedule for subcommittee and regular meetings
- Data Subcommittee

4. HSW Meeting Schedule (5 min)

5. Public Comments (*begins at approximately 2:30 pm*) (20 min)

The duration of the public comment portion of this agenda will be no longer than 20 minutes. Speakers will have a maximum of 3 minutes to speak. To request to speak, please virtually raise your hand by (online) clicking the hand icon or by (phone) dialing * 9.