

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2016, the Continuum of Care (CoC) Ad Hoc Subcommittee met at 1:30p.m. at the Downtown Library on the second floor in Rooms A & B for review of agenda items, and consideration of future agenda items.

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tanner, Nancy - Chairperson	Yes	3	3
Reyher, Grant – Vice Chairperson	Yes	3	3
Williams-Trice, Virginia	Yes	3	3
Johnson, Harvey	Yes	3	3
Gonzales, Raymond	Yes	3	3
Harlan, Brent	Yes	3	2
Stephens, Kelly	Yes	3	3
Fox, Gary	Yes	3	2
Rogers, Susan	No	3	2
Jones, Anne	No	3	0
Coble, Warren	Yes	3	3
Mills, Clint	Yes	3	3

NON VOTING ADVISORY MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Fuller, Sean	Yes	3	3
Lane, Donnie	No	3	0
Gilmore, Diann	No	3	2
Alexander, Mercede	No	3	0
Huddleston, Chris	No	3	0
Gilmore, Perry	Yes	3	3
Walker, Juliana	Yes	3	2
Redus, Reed	Yes	3	3
Batchelor, Melinda	Yes	3	3
High, Carolyn	No	3	1
Durham, Marc	Yes	3	3
Tucker, Terry	Yes	3	3
Steelman, Sonja	Yes	3	3
Thornton, Carolyn	Yes	3	3

There were 10 citizens in attendance

Also in attendance were:

James Allen  
Summer McCampbell

Community Development Administrator, CITY OF AMARILLO  
Administrative Assistant III, CITY OF AMARILLO

- I. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Tanner established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to order at 1:30 PM.
- II. **Approve minutes from December 17<sup>th</sup> and January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.** Chairperson Tanner requested review of minutes from the (2) previous meetings. Major Johnson moved to approve the minutes from December 17<sup>th</sup> and January 7<sup>th</sup> with no corrections. Motion seconded by Perry Gilmore. Unanimous vote 9-0 to accept the minutes.
- III. **Report from work group presented by Kelly Stephens.** Chairperson Tanner asked for report from Kelly Stephens and the work group that met January 8<sup>th</sup>. Kelly Stephens submitted a report from the work committee presenting a list of met

and un-met needs. Correction was made to the list to add under the "Identified Gaps in Services" Evening/Overnight transportation. The list is a compilation of different services that are found in the 211 database and there was a request for any additional services or unidentified gaps in services to be sent to Kelly Stephens for updating. Copies of the resources will be sent out to all committee members once finalized.

- IV. **Presentation from Legal Aid of Northwest Texas on Homeless Ordinances.** Chairperson Tanner called for presentation from Director of Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, Kay Pechin on the affects of homeless ordinances in other cities and states. Kay Pechin discussed sleeping as a human basic function and how the ordinance violates this right. Also went into discussion on the legal impacts of being fined and possibly jailed for a citation for violating Ordinance 7333. Kay Pechin finalized her presentation on the amendments that are violated with Ordinance 7333, the long term impact on the individuals affected by this ordinance, and the resources needed in the community in order to help battle homelessness.
- V. **Propose and consider revisions to Ordinance 7333 presented by Vice-Chairperson Grant Reyher.** Vice-Chairperson Grant Reyher presented his recommendations on amendments to Ordinance 7333. Virginia William-Trice called for a repeal of the ordinance and not just an amendment. Marc Durham and Warren Coble, Sr agreed that amendments would be beneficial. Sgt. Harlan and Vice-Chair Reyher clarified that the ordinance is necessary in order to prevent tent cities, to keep order, and that there is misconception that violation of Ordinance 7333 will lead to criminal history. Chairperson Tanner asked for guest speaker Christina Roberson, representative from Northwest Texas Hospital Pavilion, to touch base on some of the issues that they encounter dealing with the homeless that suffer from chronic mental health issues.

Gary Fox moved to accept recommendations presented by Vice-Chair Reyher. Motion seconded by Kelly Stephens. Motion died with a 3-6 vote against accepting the recommendations at this time. Warren Coble, Sr then presented a motion to table discussion on recommendations until next meeting. Sgt. Harlan seconded the motion. Motion accepted with a unanimous vote 9-0.

Kelly Stephens then moved to accept the formation of a subcommittee to address the identified gaps in service with a committee of 5: Juliana Walker, Maj. Harvey Johnson, Susan Rogers, Diann Gilmore, and Terry Tucker. Motion was seconded by Grant Reyher. Due to Chairperson Tanner leaving meeting early, there was a unanimous vote to accept the formation of the subcommittee with an 8-0 vote.

- VI. **Public comments.** Chris, an Amarillo citizen, stated that he believes that some law should be in place; just need to make amendments to the ordinance to make it more humane. Another citizen, Vance Nowak, complained about how the ordinance criminalizes being homeless and that the homeless should be provided with alternatives to paying fines that they cannot afford.
- VII. **Adjournment.** Vice-Chair Reyher announced that the next meeting will be on January 28, 2016 at 1:30pm at the Downtown Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in Rooms A&B. There, being no further business, Gary Fox moved to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded by Kelly Stephens. The meeting adjourned at 3:47pm. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Community Development Department.

ATTEST:

  
James Allen, Community Development Administrator

  
Nancy Tanner, Chairperson