

Amarillo CoC General Meeting
January 12, 2023
WTAMU Downtown Amarillo
10:00 AM

President Steve Smart brought the meeting to order at 10:14 am on January 12, 2023. He welcomed everyone in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves to the membership.

Steve called for review of the October 2022 minutes and asked for any changes or amendments. Motion was made by Meg to approve the minutes and seconded by Juan. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve introduced guest speaker, Mark Zimmerman, the Transformation Park Executive Director. Mark gave a very thorough vision of the new Restoration Park to be built in Amarillo for our homeless population. Our homeless will have a safe environment 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including their pets.

Lead Agency Report

Jason Riddlespurger reported that the city hired Resource Consultants to advise on disbursement of the HOME-ARP funds. After a study of all agencies in the city who provide services for the homeless it was determined that the Coming Home program was the only agency with the capacity to execute the funding properly and to assist agencies with resources. He introduced Heather and Elizabeth to the CoC. They gave a brief talk about the new direction that HUD was taking by expanding the populations that will now meet HUD requirements for assistance.

Committee Reports

- **Gap Analysis** - nothing to report.
- **Ending Youth Homelessness** -needs a chairman.
- **Ending Veterans Homelessness** -meets monthly, Teena Hall is the chairman.
- **Education**-nothing to report.
- **Scoring**-nothing to report.
- **Shelter** -Connie reported they are meeting regularly.
- **Beans and Cornbread**-We will receive money from Amarillo Area Foundation next year only if we have the event.
- **HMIS**-Amy is teaching many new and unused capabilities of the program each first Friday of every month at 9-noon. Any agency using HMIS can take advantage of her expertise. There is a mandatory training for all HMIS users in February
- **PIT Count** -Debra Lamb reported the January Pit count is coming up the 27th. We need an accurate count to get proper funding. We need more teams of people to count and donations for the homeless individuals participating in the count. Please see or call Debra.

Community Announcements

Lytton St. John reported they are having a Pet Mascot contest and emphasizing the value of pets and the correlation of how a pet helps with mental health of their owners.

Quinton Marquez reported City Federal Credit Union conducts financial literacy classes regularly, homeless included.

He also mentioned that the Downtown Kiwanis Club would love to have speakers showcasing their agency and all the good work they do for the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Knight