

Amarillo CoC

General Membership Minutes

March 9, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

WTAMU Downtown Amarillo SBAC Conference Room 1st Floor

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by President Steve Smart.

Members Present: All general members present stood up and made their introductions

Approval of Minutes: Approval of January minutes was made with no objections.

Steve reported that Sara Pagni, TA from HUD will join the April Board Meeting via teams to provide an informative training on the roles and responsibilities of the CoC.

Members were encouraged to visit the HUD exchange website for more information about the Continuum of Care.

[Welcome to HUD Exchange - HUD Exchange](#)

Tiffany Bellflower from Homeless Heroes gave a presentation for a Veteran housing project called Hatch Homes For Heroes. She discussed project overview, vetting process, Community Rules, Transportation Services, Safety, Funding, Criteria and Location.

Jennifer Potter gave a presentation for Family Support Services Suicide Grievors Support Group. The group meets on the Second Tuesday of every month from 630 to 730 pm at 7136 I-40 West (Park West, Building B) in Amarillo. For more information contact Jennifer Potter, Loss Team Coordinator at 806-342-2549. FSS is hosting a retreat on 5/20 open to people impacted by suicide loss. She states that volunteers are needed so please contact her if you are interested in volunteering.

Lead Agency Updates:

Jason reported:

Jason provided an in-depth presentation about the PIT count that took place in January. Next PIT count will be in July.

Jason reported that Amarillo currently has a housing shortage. Rental costs have increased and many families are being evicted. New construction is badly needed.

Jason distributed information regarding Transformation Park's groundbreaking to be held on April 27.

HMIS Training will be rescheduled for April 14, due to Good Friday.

Committee Reports:

If anyone is interested in joining a committee, get with a board member to discuss.

Quintin Marquez with City Federal Credit Union announced that home buying, and credit counseling is available at the Sims building for free. Contact Quintin for more info.

Downtown Kiwanis club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. Come to lunch and speak about your organization.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has special membership for non-profits. 125 per year with a chance to speak at their meetings.

Workforce Solutions is hosting a job fair on April 11, at 10 am.

There is a monthly hygiene closet on the last Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at 1309 S.W. 8th in the main building.

DWC Womens Luncheon is in the Heritage Room at the Civic Center. Call the main office for more information.

WT Legal Aid is hosting online trivia on April 16, 2023 at 6 pm.

New Members –

Kevin Baker General Membership
Major Tex Ellis with the Salvation Army
Will Grant with Guyon Saunders Resource Center

All were approved and allowed membership

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.