

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 16th day of February 2017, the Continuum of Care (CoC) Ad Hoc Subcommittee met at 2:00p.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	6	5
Williams-Trice, Virginia	Yes	6	6
Johnson, Harvey	Yes	6	6
Stephens, Kelly	No	6	5
Fox, Gary	No	6	3
Coble, Warren	No	6	5
Mills, Clint	Yes	6	6

NON VOTING ADVISORY MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Fuller, Sean	Yes	6	6
Gilmore, Diann	Yes	6	4
Huddleston, Chris	No	6	1
Gilmore, Perry	No	6	4
Walker, Juliana	No	6	2
Redus, Reed	Yes	6	4
Batchelor, Melinda	No	6	4
Durham, Marc	No	6	5
Tucker, Terry	No	6	3
Steelman, Sonja	No	6	5

There were 11 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 Nancy Tanner established a quorum and called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to order at 2:05 PM.
- II. **Approve minutes from June 21, 2016 meeting:** Chairperson Tanner asked for review of the minutes dated June 21, 2016. She then asked for comments or corrections. Virginia Williams Trice made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Clint Mills seconded the motion. Minutes approved with a unanimous vote (4-0).
- III. **Report from Continuum of Care (CoC) committee to address solutions to gaps in services:** Chairperson Tanner asked for report from James Allen, Community Development Administrator, to address the suggested recommendations from the CoC committee on the original proposed solutions to gaps in services. Mr. Allen did a quick summary of the report composed by the CoC committee which presented a list of possible solutions to the identified areas of need such as more street outreach to get individuals to shelters, need for low barrier shelters, opportunity to support mental health for the homeless population, making local resources more accessible to the homeless and continued education for the community.
 - a. **Committee Comments.** Diann Gilmore commented on her experience working with the Solutions subcommittee that due to the different personalities and backgrounds there was much conflict in establishing these recommendations. However the one idea that was accepted unanimously is the need for a low barrier shelter.

- b. Virginia Williams Trice responded to Mrs. Gilmore's comments that she agreed with her statements and that she has had discussions with other members on how to obtain funding to be able to help Guyon Resource Sanders Day Room convert into a 24 hour access point for the homeless.
- c. Maj. Harvey Johnson comments that there has been progress since the formation of the Ad Hoc subcommittee. Amarillo Police Department has added services and staff, and Salvation Army has amended some of their barriers to allow more individuals to access their shelters.
- d. Public Comments. Citizens expressed support of the need of a low barrier shelter and behavioral health services for the homeless. Discussion from one citizen about the formation of an alliance to address the mental health needs of the homeless opened up opportunity for public involvement.

After deliberation amongst the Ad Hoc subcommittee, Maj. Harvey Johnson makes the motion to submit the original 13-page recommendations created by the Solutions Subcommittee and the new recommendations presented today that were created by the Continuum of Care committee to the Amarillo City Council. Clint Mills second the motion. The motion was accepted with a 3-1 vote.

Virginia Williams Trice inquired about discussion of the motion made. Judge Tanner advised that in order for discussion to be allowed that the original motion must be rescinded. Maj. Harvey Johnson motioned to rescind the original motion to submit the original 13-page recommendations created by the Solutions Subcommittee and the new recommendations presented today that were created by the Continuum of Care committee to the Amarillo City Council. Virginia Williams Trice seconds the motion. The motion to rescind the original motion was accepted with a unanimous vote (4-0).

The new discussion amongst the committee was whether to submit all the both the original 13 page document and the new recommendations from Continuum of Care, or should a newly formatted document be created for submission. Virginia Williams Trice suggests that something be submitted in conjunction with both documents to outline the recommendations that should be given priority.

Chris Seawright, Citizen, agrees that a reasonable and achievable list of recommendations should be provided to City Council.

Maj. Harvey Johnson then suggests that a cover letter be attached with both documents that will outline the most important aspect of these recommendations- the need for a low barrier shelter.

Dian Gilmore agrees with this suggestion.

Maj. Harvey Johnson made a motion to submit the original 13-page recommendations created by the Solutions Subcommittee, the new recommendations presented today that were created by the Continuum of Care committee, along with an attachment to express the desire for the City's focus to be on the development of a low barrier shelter as the most immediate need for the community. Chairperson Tanner seconds the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote (4-0)

- IV. **Compilation of report to City Council.** James Allen asks the committee to advise who will prepare this cover letter to attach with the recommendations for submission to City Council. Chairperson Tanner suggests that the Community Development staff create the letter then send to Virginia Williams Trice and herself for review before submission.

Maj. Harvey Johnson motions for letter to be prepared by Community Development staff and then subsequently reviewed by Chairperson Tanner and Virginia Williams Trice for submission to Amarillo City Council. Judge Tanner seconds the motion. The motion was accepted with a unanimous vote (4-0).

- V. **Adjournment.** Chairperson Tanner thanked the committee members for their participation and service to the Ad Hoc Subcommittee and there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:04pm. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Community Development Department.


Nancy Tanner, Chairperson

ATTEST:


James Allen, Community Development Administrator