



Homeless Prevention & Response System Advisory Council Monthly Meeting

1/25/2024 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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#	TOPIC	OWNER	TIME
PUBLIC MEETING			
1	Welcome Membership	Alison Kear	4:00 pm
2	Land Acknowledgment	Grace Gallagher	4:01 pm
3	Mission Moment	David Mayo-Kiely	4:02 pm
4	Consent Agenda (<i>Decision</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Agenda Changes & Approval (<i>Decision</i>) October Meeting Minutes Approval (<i>Decision</i>) 	Alison Kear	4:05 pm
5	Advisory Council Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items for <i>Education/Discussion/Decision</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Decision</i>: HPRS AC Meeting Cadence <i>Decision</i>: Removal of Andrea Nester from HPRS AC Committee Check-in & Updates (Chairs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for Compliance Committee Chair Call for Committee Involvement General Updates 	Alison Kear	4:10 pm
6	ACEH Report (<i>Education</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government Updates Operational Updates 	ACEH Staff	4:25 pm
7	Special Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PIT Count 	ICA / Jessica Parks	4:35 pm
8	Questions & Comments from Chat Box and Audience	Alison Kear	4:45 pm
9	Good News & Community Events (<i>time permitting</i>) <i>Councilors and public audience are encouraged to share upcoming event(s) &/or related announcement(s) → limited to 30 seconds</i>	All	4:50 pm
10	Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities & Closing Remarks	Alison Kear	4:55 pm
11	Adjournment	Alison Kear	5:00 pm

Supplemental Information (Found in Packet)

- October Advisory Council Meeting Minutes (*draft for approval*)



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DATE OF MEETING: 10/26/2023

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>	<u>ACEH STAFF PRESENT</u>
Alison Kear (Chair) Dave Mayo-Kiely Grace Gallagher Julia Terry Roger Branson Sharon Chamard Will Walker Sid McCausland Laura Cox-Wilson Charles Gorman Dave Kuiper Cesar Ramirez De La Cruz Zoryna Lealai (Ryna) Suzi Pearson (Vice-Chair) Jenny Di Grappa Katie Scovic	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOT EXCUSED</u></p> Clark Halvorson Andrea Nester Robin Dempsey Holly Morales	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FACILITATOR</u></p> Emily Berliner
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GUESTS</u></p> Felix Rivera – Anchorage Assembly Sam Longacre – United Way Jessie Talivaa - CSS	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCRIBE</u></p> Mitch Laird

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

WELCOME:

- Alison Kear welcomed attendees at 4:03 PM and provided a Land Acknowledgement.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

- Julia Terry read a Land Acknowledgment Statement and reported that the Statement will soon be under review to create more intention and relation to homelessness.

MISSION MOMENT:

- Alison Kear shared a Mission Moment highlighting Project Homeless Connect as an inclusive space where an LGBTQ+ young person came seeking services and was inspired to volunteer at subsequent events.

DECISION: CONSENT AGENDA

- The Council reviewed the September 25, 2023, Advisory Council meeting minutes and the October 26, 2023, meeting agenda.
 - **Motion:** *Suzi Pearson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*
 - **Second:** *Sharon Chamard seconded the motion.*
 - **Discussion:** *None*
 - **Objections:** *None*
 - **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Assemblyperson Felix Rivera presented information on the MOA emergency cold weather shelter implementation, providing an outline of how the plan is developed, funded, and implemented. Felix enumerated and explained a number of the MoA's recent housing investments, and provided an overview of the alcohol tax allocations in relation to housing and homelessness services. Most of the Municipality's housing and homelessness efforts are funded by Federal programs and administered by the Anchorage Health Department. The Assembly has little involvement with the use of Federal Housing Funds and there is no regular housing funding in the Municipal budget so the Alcohol Tax gives the Assembly opportunities to augment and provide alternatives to Federally funded programs.

- Alison Kear asked for details on the effectiveness of the "Pay for Success" financing model of the Home for Good Program.
 - Sam Longacre of United Way answered that third-party evaluators provide reports on the number of months stable housing has been achieved, for which United Way invoices the municipality. Further reporting is available. Felix added that the program is due for review in 2025.
- Sid McCausland asked about the Municipality's plans for the increasing demand for housing and homeless services.
 - Felix answered that the media coverage of the Municipality's housing efforts are likely driving demand, but that the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter referrals are reserved for unsheltered individuals who would be unsafe without emergency shelter.
 - Will Walker asked about plans for continued inflow.
 - Felix answered that The Municipality believes it can cover current demand through December. ECWS is implemented in two phases: October-December; and January-April. Demand is typically re-evaluated at the turn of the year.
- Roger Branson asked about camp abatements and the direction campers are being sent after camps are abated, and the availability of services to relocated Campers.
 - Felix answered that people from abated camps can be added to shelter lists, that some transportation is being provided by the Municipality. Abatements are tied to the number of available shelter units.
 - Roger added that referrals from abated camps are a concern in that people may be forced into housing situations involuntarily and may take up shelter space from other clients in need and seeking services.
- Julia Terry asked if the ECWS list is being cross-referenced with the CoC's Coordinated Entry List.
 - Felix answered that the list is not being cross-referenced. The shelter operator, Henning Inc., keeps its own waitlist. ACEH has requested the Henning list in order to cross-reference with CE, but has not received it. There are efforts within the Municipality and the Assembly to combine efforts with the HPRS.

HPRS Updates

- Items for Discussion/Decision:
 - *Rescheduling November's AC Monthly Meeting (conflicts with Thanksgiving)*
 - The AC took a poll to decide the November meeting Schedule and elected to hold the meeting on November 16.
- Past Meeting Action Items Follow-Up:
 - None
- Committee Updates
 - Compliance Committee – Sid McCausland reported that the HUD Grant applications scoring is complete. Upcoming work involves developing a grant monitoring program for recipients. The Committee is currently without an official Chair and solicited volunteers for the position.
 - Data Committee – Sharon Chamard reported that the Committee's current task is reviewing annual revisions to the AKHMIS Governance Charters for recommendations to the HPRS AC at the November or December monthly meeting.
 - Community Prioritization Committee – Katie Scovic reported that the CP Committee will meet again on November 14 and encouraged new members to join. Anchored Home will be reviewed at the Nov. 14 meeting for recommendation before the AC.
 - Coordinated Entry Committee – Julia Terry reported that the Committee will meet again on November 3 and invited attendees. The Committee recently met with representatives from the Dept. of Corrections to work on supporting re-entry through CE. The Committee is also reviewing the “Core Elements” document with attention toward domestic violence victims, prevention & diversion, and direct housing. The new vulnerability tool will be assessed around the turn of the year.

ACEH REPORT

- None

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE & PUBLIC

- The group discussed further concerns about the lack of HPRS involvement with the ECWS Contractor, Henning, Inc.
 - Sid McCausland offered to draft a letter to the Municipality addressing concerns with the contractor and other compliance topics.

UPCOMING ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

- Jenny Di Grappa highlighted the Food Bank's upcoming Thanksgiving efforts:
 - November 18: Thanksgiving Blessing Event
 - November 20: Meal service.
 - Information available at <https://foodbankofalaska.org/>
- The CSS Candlelight Vigil will be held on November 16 at 6:30 PM outside of Williwaw Social in downtown Anchorage. A CSS Leadership sleep-out will be held the same night at the Alaska Native Heritage Center.
- Suzi Pearson encouraged testimony on the State budget before November 7.
- A list of upcoming advocacy opportunities in Anchorage was shared with the councilors.

ADJOURNMENT

The HPRS Advisory Council Meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM.