



## Homeless Prevention & Response System Advisory Council Work Session & Monthly Meeting

2/22/2024 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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#	TOPIC	OWNER	TIME
<b>PUBLIC MEETING</b>			
1	Welcome Membership	Chair	4:00 pm
2	Land Acknowledgment	TBD	4:01 pm
3	Mission Moment	TBD	4:02 pm
4	Consent Agenda ( <i>Decision</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Agenda Changes &amp; Approval (<i>Decision</i>)</li> <li>January Meeting Minutes Approval (<i>Decision</i>)</li> </ul>	Chair	4:05 pm
5	Advisory Council Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items for <i>Education/Discussion/Decision</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AC Applications Open</li> </ul> </li> <li>Committee Check-in &amp; Updates (Chairs)</li> <li>General Updates</li> </ul>	Chair	4:10 pm
6	ACEH Report ( <i>Education</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government Updates</li> <li>Operational Updates</li> </ul>	ACEH Staff	4:25 pm
7	Special Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SALA Medical <i>Providing an overview of their work alongside homelessness providers in Anchorage and a Q&amp;A opportunity.</i></li> </ul>	Terry Bookey & David Parish	4:35 pm
8	Questions & Comments from Chat Box and Audience	Chair	4:45 pm
9	Good News & Community Events ( <i>time permitting</i> ) <i>Councilors and public audience are encouraged to share upcoming event(s) &amp;/or related announcement(s) → limited to 30 seconds</i>	All	4:50 pm
10	Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities & Closing Remarks	Chair	4:55 pm
11	Adjournment	Chair	5:00 pm

### Supplemental Information (Found in Packet)

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



## Homeless Prevention & Response System Advisory Council MONTHLY MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: 01/25/2024

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>EXCUSED</u></b>	<b><u>ACEH STAFF PRESENT</u></b>
Dave Mayo-Kiely Grace Gallagher Julia Terry Roger Branson Will Walker Laura Cox-Wilson Charles Gorman Cesar Ramirez De La Cruz Zoryna Lealai (Ryna) Suzi Pearson (Vice-Chair) Robin Dempsey Sharon Chamard Jenny Di Grappa Dave Kuiper Katie Scovic	Alison Kear (Chair)  <b><u>NOT EXCUSED</u></b> Clark Halvorson Andrea Nester Holly Morales  <b><u>GUESTS</u></b> Jayna Gray Kim Seitz, ICA Sam Longacre Heather Wilkinson-Culp	Terria Ware Jessica Parks  <b><u>FACILITATOR</u></b> Mitch Laird  <b><u>SCRIBE</u></b> Emily Berliner

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

### **WELCOME:**

- Suzi Pearson, Acting Chair, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Quorum was confirmed.

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

- Grace Gallagher provided a thoughtful land acknowledgement, acknowledging her lineage as part of the Hidatsa people. She honored past, present, and future stewards of the lands occupied by the Council. Grace noted that supporting vulnerable community members aligns with indigenous values of leaving places better than you found them.

### **MISSION MOMENT:**

- Dave Mayo-Kiely, who runs ASD's Children Transition Program, shared an inspiring story of a youth named Destiny who overcame homelessness, family adversity, and a credit deficiency to graduate high school early through collaborative support from the program, Covenant House, and United Way. This exemplified the mission of the Council.

### **DECISION: CONSENT AGENDA**

- The Council reviewed the October 26, 2023, Advisory Council meeting minutes and the January 25, 2024, meeting agenda.
  - **Motion:** Sharon Chamard moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
  - **Second:** Grace Gallagher seconded the motion.
  - **Discussion:** None
  - **Objections:** None
  - **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **HPRS Updates**

- Items for Discussion/Decision:
  - *HPRS AC Meeting Cadence*
    - The Council discussed optimal meeting frequency, considering monthly vs. quarterly meetings.
    - Laura Cox Wilson and Cesar Ramirez agreed in the chat that more frequent meetings were better for sharing information and maintaining engagement.
    - Grace Gallagher and Roger Branson emphasized the value of monthly meetings for communication flow across the Council's represented groups.
    - Jenny Di Grappa noted monthly meetings sometimes lack substantive action items, so bimonthly meetings with specific objectives could allow more robust committee engagement.
    - Sharon Chamard agreed fewer meetings can be better, but would not oppose monthly meetings. She raised a concern about reserving action items for quarterly meetings only.
    - There was consensus to have the Executive Committee propose structured options for voting on meeting frequency at the next meeting.
  - *HPRS AC Member Removal*
    - Due to her departure from the Municipality of Anchorage Health Department, Andrea Nester will no longer serve on the council.
    - The AC voted to remove member Andrea Nester from the council:
      - By a 12-1 vote, Andrea Nester was officially removed from the Advisory Council.
- Committee Check-in
  - *Committee Involvement*
    - Suzi Pearson encouraged members to get involved with a committee if able; clarified that committee members do not have to be Advisory Council members.
  - *Compliance Committee Chair*
    - Alison Kear and Suzi Pearson will connect with Roger Branson to coordinate the Chair role for the Compliance Committee.
- Committee Updates
  - *Compliance Committee* – The committee has not met for a couple months and needs a new Chair since Sid McCausland resigned. Jessica Parks provided background on the committee and invited interested persons to contact the HPRS Liaison to learn more.
  - *Data Committee* – Sharon Chamard gave an update on last week's quarterly data quality report review from HMIS. The next meeting will refocus committee purpose and goals.
  - *Community Prioritization Committee* – Katie Scovic reported that they will have the Anchored Home Plan to review soon and will connect with ACEH staff on this; Katie invited anyone interested in joining the committee to contact her.
  - *Coordinated Entry Committee* – Julia Terry provided an update on their work to improve accessibility and incorporate more voices into the coordinated entry system. Efforts include incorporating re-entry data points, examining the vulnerability index regarding domestic violence, and engaging youth voices.

## **ACEH REPORT**

- Government Updates
  - Jessica Parks reported that House Bill 262, which was introduced by Rep Josephson, is under review at the legislature. This will enact a change to the landlord tenant act – would change required notice from 30 day to 90 days for rent increases.

- Operational Updates
  - Point-In-Time (PIT) Count is coming up on January 29 – February 1. A presentation will take place next regarding the PIT Count and HUD’s housing inventory count, emphasizing the role this data plays in funding decisions.
  - Coordinated Entry Conference is being held at the end of February at The Nave.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

- 2024 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count – presented by Jayna Gray, the HMIS Director at the Institute of Community Alliances (ICA):
  - The PIT Count is a census of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night. This count is conducted nationwide and used to inform funding decisions and policy.
  - The count has two components: (1) a sheltered count led by HMIS, and (2) an unsheltered count led by the CoC.
  - HMIS supports the unsheltered count by building the portal for data collection.
  - The sheltered count informs bed coverage and utilization. HUD may reduce funding if shelters are not near capacity on the night of the count.
  - All emergency shelters are asked to exit clients the morning of 1/29 and re-enter them that night to get an accurate count.
  - Transitional housing, safe havens, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing projects also participate.
  - The unsheltered count runs from sunset 1/29 to sunrise 1/30.
  - PIT data includes demographics and subpopulation information like chronic homelessness and veteran status.
  - There are challenges involved, including:
    - Coordinating efforts between sheltered and unsheltered counting to avoid duplications.
    - Obtaining full coverage of encampments across Anchorage's wide area.
    - Explaining which project types participate and which populations are included or excluded.
  - After the PIT Count is completed, Agencies must submit count data by 2/8 into HMIS portals.
  - The data is validated, deduplicated, and compiled into a single report.
  - After CoC and Advisory Council review, the report is submitted to HUD.

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE & PUBLIC**

- None

**UPCOMING ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES**

- A list of upcoming advocacy opportunities in Anchorage was shared with the councilors.
- Councilors suggested holding an Advisory Council Retreat this year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The HPRS Advisory Council Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.