

**MAYOR'S AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
MINUTES**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Wade Bryson, Chair

Marla Berg	Chris Gianotti
Dave Branding	Michelle Hale
Jackie Bryant	Mariya Lovischuk
Katti Carlson	Jackie Pata
Scott Ciambor	Dave Ringle
Mandy Cole	Rorie Watt
Bruce Denton	Jesse Perry, Staff

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 3:05pm.

All members were present.

Also in attendance: Mayor Weldon, City Attorney, Rob Palmer, Deputy Clerk, Di Cathcart

Mayor Weldon expressed appreciation to members willing to serve during this emergency, and shared the questions she wants the Committee to address:

- What population does each agency serve?
- What populations are unserved?
- How can we address unmet needs through the winter?

Mayor Weldon reported she looks to this group for their expertise and insights to avoid duplication of services and to fill service gaps.

City Attorney Rob Palmer briefed Committee Members on the legal requirements regarding the work of public meetings:

- Meetings must have a quorum to conduct business.
- Outside of scheduled meetings Committee Members are prohibited from having conversations about Committee business when more than 3 committee members are present.
- Conflicts of interest: If you are paid by a business you are prohibited from advocating on behalf of that business or voting on anything that pertains to that business. Advocating for general needs is acceptable.

In response to Chair Bryson's question about ideas from members, Mr. Palmer stated that items of interest should be forwarded to Jesse Perry as the Committee's primary contact, or

members may present their ideas at next meeting. The goal of these policies is to promote public transparency & trust.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

III. MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

All Members responded to Chair Bryson's invitation to introduce themselves to the group.

City Manager Rorie Watt expressed appreciation for the Committee's efforts, recognized the challenges to mission coordination during a pandemic, and encouraged everyone not to lose sight of accomplishments as demands increase and resources decline.

IV. SUMMARY OF 2017 TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

Scott Ciambor summarized the recommendations of Assembly's 2017 Task Force on Homelessness:

- *Do not pursue a winter campground.* For the summer of 2020 CBJ Parks & Recreation closed the Thane Campground and opened the Mill Campground to provide enhanced services.
- *Develop a Coordinated Entry System.* Using a grant from Alaska Mental Health Trust, CBJ hired a Coordinator of Homelessness Services in 2018.
- *Provide a Warming Shelter during cold months.* A warming shelter has been in operation for the last three winters.
- *Provide Scattered Site Permanent Supported Housing (PSH).* A Glory Hall project provides scattered site housing for four clients.
- *Develop an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team.* JAMHI stood up an ACT team this fall.

- Additional service developments:
 - A Food Service grant from the Alaska Community Foundation was awarded to United Way this fall.
 - Day Services are currently under discussion.
 - New Glory Hall and United Services Center progressing towards construction.
 - An emergency youth shelter is under development involving THRHA, Zach Gordon, and with additional support from the Juneau Coalition.
 - A Navigator program funded by the Juneau Community Foundation began in 2018 and is now administered through Bartlett.
 - AWARE and Family Promise received funding for rapid rapid-rehousing (RRH) projects.

V. OVERVIEW OF PROVIDERS' SCOPE OF SERVICES

The following agencies gave an overview of their operations and services.

- a. AWARE: Mandy Cole
- b. Family Promise: Katti Carlson
- c. JAMHI: Dave Branding
- d. St. Vincent de Paul: Dave Ringle, Jackie Bryant, Chris Gianotti
- e. The Glory Hall: Mariya Lovischuk, Marla Berg, Bruce Denton
- f. THRHA: Jackie Pata

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (2 min. ea.)

Cindy Audet, North Douglas, expressed appreciation for the Committee's work, and requested that alternatives to Lemon Creek Correctional Center be considered for housing non-compliant clients.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee; meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.