

**PIERCE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES**

**Street Outreach Meeting**

**11:00AM – 12:00 p.m.**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Guests/Members**

Kimberly Ellefson – GLMHC

Samantha Garnett – CCS

Crystal Lee – GLMHC

Alma Quinden – GLMHC

Gerard Fiola – Port of Tacoma

Jessica Hall – GLMHC

Marlin Henderson – Reach

Thomas Breitenbauch - GLMHC

**Staff:**

Jeff Rogers - Social Service Program Specialist

Bryan Barmore – Office Assistant 3

Discussion
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Jeff Rodgers Starts the meeting and welcomes everyone.

Jeff Rodgers – Topics for today Youth Point and Time count and Right of Way funding

- Targeted Youth Point in Time Count, will focus on unhoused youth, including those in shelters, we will also do an at-risk count
  - Scheduled for October
  - Looking for volunteers
  - Ages: under 25 and older than 12
  - Going to attempt to contact youth that are at risk that have been logged in HMIS
  - We are not getting many locations where youth can be found
  - Outreach, is that true you don't find youth at encampments?
    - Jessica Hall – We don't come in contact with a lot of youth
    - Marlin Henderson – generally those who would be considered youth are not in the encampments. Working with the schools, a lot of folks are experiencing homelessness or at risk for homelessness are in schools. It will take a lot of collaboration.
    - Kimberly Ellefson - I believe in 3 years I have made contact with 2 under 25 and referred them to reach
  - More info will be provided at a later date

Jeff Rodgers – Discusses with agencies HMIS intakes and assessments, as part of our contacts with the agencies we fund, we are looking for data

- The investment in outreach is substantial – everyone is looking at the data
  - My understanding is the bulk that do outreach do HMIS assessments at the start

- We would like your feedback, how best to report information, any ideas?
  - Jessica H – it would depend on the information they are looking for
    - Discusses the shortfall of HMIS and the story that the data tells
- Is there anymore data you think we should log/provide? Any thoughts on this?
  - Thomas B – HMIS is limited by the questions that are asked and it does not get the whole story
  - Alma Q – the narratives and stories on how someone gets supported once contact is made is not always reflected in the data that is collected.
    - For example, it does not count that we spoke to them 10 times before they signed up, or the 20 phone calls it would take someone to get them into a program
- Is quarterly good frequently for this additional reporting? What do you think once a year, twice a year?
  - Alma Q – it depends on when the data would be needed, here at GLMCH the homeless patterns can be cyclical.

Jeff Rodgers – Right of Way project

- State DOT at that request of the governor has set aside funds to deal with unhoused that are on state Right of Way
- State is focusing on the I5 Corridor, and a little in Spokane County
- First encampment that is being worked on is by the emerald queen casino. Its not a sweep, we are going into encampments with the intent to move people into housing
- Jessica H. – where are we going to put these people? Its slim pickings out there
  - Jeff R – we are aware and are trying to work the problem. We are not going to move people unless we have somewhere to move them. We are just working right now to build the relationships

Jeff Rodgers – These meeting are for you, what do you need from these meetings and from each other?

- Alma Q – maybe highlighting what each program is still doing? Or the people running the team due to turnover
- Greater Lakes Crisis team volunteers for next meeting

Jeff Rodgers – CCS- SSVF – Supportive services for veterans' families.

- Samantha G – Volunteers to present on the program