

TEMS CAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Members: Anne Artman, Erica Azcueta, Jo Davies, Jade Hill, lyssa Sherrilla Bivens, Brian Bouchard, Claire Brummet, Jo Davies, Jade Hill, Alyssa Ramirez, Allyison Grtiffth,

Participants: Low Income Housing Institute, Recovery Cafe, City of Tacoma

Meeting Program

- **Introductions**

5:00pm- Meeting began with Josh Castle, Director of Advocacy & Community Engagement, who began the meeting and facilitated the introduction and asked for a facilitator. the richness of community involvement.

Meeting was facilitated by Anne Artman; CAC minutes, Anne Artman

Minutes/ Approved

CAC

Questions: Jo Davis began with questions regarding the move, recovery and suggested, the Tacoma Recovery Café and recovery support is essential in the success of the TEMS Residents. Including, questions regarding police presents. Anne Artman stated, no police calls. However, corrected, 1 TPD call and 2 Tacoma Fire Department Calls. Total of 3 calls. NO local Tacoma Residents or crime relating to TEMS Residents. Residents are complying.

Allyson Griffith;

Overall plan: 8th and MLK Lease of agreement for mercy housing, relocate in July of 2020- East 60th McKinley. Expand the number residents on new sites, perhaps up to 65 Residents: LIHI Case. It was mentioned that 65 might be too high, and perhaps 50 houses are manageable. More information to be shared at the: Management Services, Virtual Town Hall – Invitation should have been sent to Everyone Thursday on Zoom, June 4th, 2020 6-7:30pm. Please contact shelters@cityoftacoma.org or call (253) 591 5119.

Josh Griffith – Very exciting with the larger space and micro shelters- a lot of community engagements and share case management, security, community meetings, a variety of what its all about- volunteer and ways that people can reach out or concerns. Will follow-up with Allyson on the CAC- Thursday to 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Can make comments and able to speak. Anne offered to speak and no comments. Serving on the CAC and checking in with the residents, support, donations and the success of the village.

Questions:

Jo Davies – Needs data that describes what an opium number for the TEMS new location. What happens when LIHI double the size?

Josh - Enough staff and support to ensure chores are done- self management project. Above a certain level. 65 is manageable. 70 to 75 or above can be too much.

Eric Davies - Suggested to remain at 50 – current residence will set the tone and teach the new residence. Biggest hurdle must be actively engaging- changes and teaching to keep clean and maintain.

Erica – magic number, 70 to 90 at the stability site – onset a bit of guidelines

Jo Davies – Are we prepared?

Josh suggested donations and volunteers to assist in moving and ongoing resources. Need Boxes for the move.

Sherrella- willing to volunteer

- **Discussion of CAC positions (Chair, Minute Taker)**

Sherrilla Bevins, Anne Artman

- **Discussion on approval of February meeting minutes**

5:15pm- Minutes approved by CAC Body

- **Village management report**

Eric Johnson provided a detailed report of the TEMS Project that outlined the formerly homeless residents who are actively engaged in their recovery, which has made a difference in the outcomes. Individuals are meeting with the On-site Case Manager and their assigned recovery coaches. The residents are forming a strong community and supporting one another. Most important, with the COVID-19 protocols; LIHI has established guidelines being followed by the residents, LIHI staff and Tacoma Recovery Center staff members. Regardless of the circumstances, the residents remain focused on housing and employment. For example, residents are leaving the TEMS Community for essential purposes; SSI offices, DYFS, Housing appointments and walks around the community, remaining focus on social distance. The community responded in a positive manner and requested information on how to provide resources and donated items. Josh agreed to provide a list.

Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelters

Donation Wish List

Bring all donations to:

TEMS 802 MLK Jr Way, Tacoma WA 98402

For questions, please contact TEMS staff at 425-295-5421

Donations Needed: (Updated June 2, 2020)

Boxes

Laundry Soap

Large Disposable Gloves

Lysol Cleaner

Bleach

Hand Sanitizer

Toilet Paper Tissue

Food Items

Coffee and Powder Creamer

Sugar

Ramen Noodles

Mac and Cheese individual Microwave Bowls

Thank you for your generosity!

- **Case management report, resident services and outcomes**

Case management report echoed Eric Johnson, stating 13 residents have been housed. Several received HEN and HARPS Housing programs. Everyone is actively in recovery, two licensed reinstatements, several unemployed residents are employed, including a resident who is now employed by LIHI as gate security. Continued residents' infractions and increased positive outcomes. Tacoma Recovery Center is providing all the necessary tools and items to assist with COVID-19 self-containment with lunch sandwiches, hot dinners, showers, clothing, license reinstatements, deposits, application fees, personal items requested to prevent relapse and maintain engagement.

- **Open discussion/Public Comments**

Aylsson Griffith had the opportunity to answer questions and provide positive reassurance throughout the meeting and invite the CAC to the T-Hall Meeting. Comments were positive with the community requesting ways and opportunities to get involved.

Meeting Adjourned 6:00pm Thank you everyone!