

HTF Meeting Minutes for 5-12-22

1. Public Comment

None

2. Warming and Cooling Center Discussion

A sub-committee that was formed to look into warming/cooling centers and included: Steve Christensen, Tyx Pulskamp, Trixxie Smith, Gary Redman, Bob & Mel Welsh and others.

- Steve Christensen was unable to attend but he did provide a written report to be shared with the group.
- The sub-committee has developed Documentation and a Operation's Guide and should be ready for review soon.
- The committee is working with Sheriff Redman to understand the chain of command and responsibilities of the office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Department of Social Services.
- The group is looking into locations for the warming/cooling center along the Hwy 49 corridor. The committee has identified 4 possible sites but more are needed.
- Hours of operation will be different for warming and cooling centers. Cooling stations will operate during the day while warming stations will need to be operated through the night.
- Hadley Macias from Adult Child Protective Services asked if the Upcountry Community Center was available as well as Pine Grove Town Hall.
- Thomas Denny asked if Sierra Baptist Church was available.
- The next meeting of the sub-committee will be held on Tuesday May 24th, 2022 at 2:30pm on French Bar Rd. near Bistro 49.

3. Homeless Resource Fair

Tyx Pulskamp and Trixxie Smith gave an update to the Task Force in advance of the upcoming HRF.

- The Fair will be held Sunday May 15th and Monday 16th in Detert Park. The event starts at 9am both days and ends at 5pm on Monday.
- Currently they have a great line up of service providers with booths.
- They will be providing meals.
- Tents are still needed and can be picked up at Walmart.
- Currently they have ample volunteers but could use more.
- Hadley Macias and Samantha Marler both volunteered to help.

4. Outreach Groups

Tyx Pulskamp – Operation Care Outreach Specialist

- Tyx has been mostly focused on the Homeless Resource Fair (HRF) plans and preparations.
- Operation Care helps St Patricks church feed roughly 30-45 people every week.
- Tyx Pulskamp: (209) 273-9009 or tyx@operationcare.org

Trixxie Smith – Sierra Wind

- Trixxie has been working on the HRF preparations a lot.
- May is mental health matters month.

Christine Platt – CoJ Outreach Specialist

- The mobile shower project is available once a week at Thursdays 11-2 pm but will be providing showers twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- There is exceptional good turnout for hot showers.
- Paradise Doggy Day Care was permitting a homeless man to board his dog at a reduced rate so he can work. They also bathe dogs for a reduced price for homeless folks.

Sheriff Gary Redman - ACSO

- Sheriff Redman emailed me a written report in advance and I shared some of the details with the group.

Lesley Mace – ATCAA Shelter in Jackson

- Lesley said the shelter is almost always full every night. Lesley wants to have a regular slot on the Outreach updates provided to the group.

5. Litter Removal and Camp Cleanup

Mel Welsh told the group that FHC is on hiatus until further notice. So they will not have a regular spot on the agenda anymore.

6. Announcements

None

7. Actions

None

8. Future Agenda Items

None