

TEMS CAC Meeting Minutes

March 24th, 2020

Members: Anne Artman, Sherrilla Bivens, Brian Bouchard, Claire Brummet, Tony Collins, Jo Davies, Jade Hill, Alyssa Ramirez

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 facilitated the introduction and explained the richness of community involvement, CAC suggests a community member facilitates the group, with minutes taken by a community member. Meeting was facilitated by Sherrilla Bevins; CAC minutes, Anne Artman

- **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 Davis 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.

(Josh provided) List attached below- email received March 24th, 2020

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:
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 Davis, stating 8 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. Reduction in 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, games and personal items requested to prevent relapse and maintain engagement.

- **Open discussion/Public Comments**

Positive response from the community, including a nurse, who is willing to volunteer services. Several community members would like a better understanding of residents needs and how they can assist. Anne Artman, from Tacoma Recovery Center invited the community to visit the Recovery Center and gain a better understanding how to assist. Several residents appreciated the in-depth report provided by Eric Davis – they appreciate the compassion towards the TEMS residents, including no criminal behaviors or concerns with safety. Most important, it appears, ways of getting involved was at the forefront.

Meeting Adjourned 6:00pm Thank you everyone!