



Concho Valley Homeless Planning Coalition Public Meeting

March 13, 2019

Bob Salas welcomed everyone. Esther Rodriguez, who works in Neighborhood and Family Services Office for the City of San Angelo, opened the meeting with prayer.

Everyone in room introduced themselves.

Speaker - Chief of Police Frank Carter.

Today's topic is **homeless issue from a police officers' view**. The department uses drones to take pictures and provide whereabouts to homeless encampments. It's more of an issue since Salvation Army has temporarily closed. Rust Street Ministries is temporarily sheltering over twenty homeless who have no place to go during inclement weather only. When cold weather is over early next week, this will not be available.

For those homeless who could have **MHMR** needs, referrals are accepted. Contact number is 325-658-7750. The person would go through intake process to obtain services. Homeless and Homeless with Families are a priority.

Chief Carter announced there are less panhandlers than we've had in the past. Panhandling, per se, is not against the law.

Questions were asked of the Chief how the city can help with the homeless issue. Valid suggestions would need to be taken up with City Council. If there are any organizations willing to donate or help, please have them contact Bob Salas with the City's Neighborhood and Family Services.

Chief Carter ended his discussion with a success story of one former tent-city inhabitant who now has moved to Abilene, Texas, lives in a home, is married, has been baptized and has his own business.

Bob provided statistics and reports on the **2019 PIT count**.

	2019	2018
Total people:	373	164
Chronic homeless	9	7
Veterans	12	7

It is believed the higher number is derived from more homeless and a better-trained group of volunteers for the count who knew what they were doing and went to more places to search.

ADAC is working on a large facility for substance abuse issues and expanding their services.



They may become more active with the homeless coalition and substance abusers. We do not just need to have more shelter, we need to offer services and case management. A lot of the homeless do not know what is out there available.

Announcements - Lexie Wiley with Legal Aid announced there will be a PAD Clinic in May at the Club House, San Angelo, Texas. This is to prepare Advanced Directives for those with mental health issues. The date is to be determined.

Stephanie Hamby announced the **Coalition has received a \$10,000.00 grant** from an anonymous donor with some specifics on how the fund will be utilized, such as food, services, security at Rust St., etc.

United Way- Day of Giving is May 7, 2019. Goody baskets are being put together for veterans and others in need. May 10th is the drop off date to the United Way at 955 Turner St., San Angelo, TX. If you or a company you know is willing to donate food, socks, toiletries, etc., please spread the word. There will be people available to go pick up at locations in the city.

Concho Valley Community Action Agency is assisting with free tax assistance for those who qualify. Contact number is 325-655-2000.

Salvation Army - They are working on shelter opening up in the future. Debbie Berryman is working case management. Her contact number is 325-227-4679 and email is debbieberryman@uss.salvationarmy.org.

Scott Heiser - the Coalition's webmaster, reminded everyone to send updates on events from their organization and he can put it on CVHPC website. If he receives our meeting minutes, he will add those, too.

Shannon Hospital will be hosting a medical equipment drive on March 30, 2019, from 10-2 at Shannon Clinic Southwest parking lot. Donations can also be picked up. Call 325-481-2292 for more information.

Celebrate Recovery has added a new location for their meetings: Ministerial Alliance at 1100 Martin Luther King Blvd. Telephone number is 325-658-5011.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Daina S. Schwartz
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