



## Concho Valley Homeless Planning Coalition Public Meeting

April 10, 2019

May 8, 2019

CVHPC Public Meeting Minutes

Lexie Wiley, Board Member, facilitated meeting as Bob Salas was unable to attend. Meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

Brent from Rust Street Ministries led group with prayer.

There is no guest speaker. Organization representatives went around the room and introduced themselves and provided information about their services and events.

**West Texas Legal Aid** (Lexie Wiley) helps with legal issues for those in need with little or no income. They focus on powers of attorney and Family Law, though other services are available. They also help obtain identification for clients.

**AmeriCorps Vista** - Katie spoke about West Texas Hunger Initiative. Kids Eat Free Program will be this summer for five weeks. There are ten sites total; two more have been added, including one at the Public Housing Authority. They are meeting today at 1:15 p.m. at West Texas Rehab Center, if anyone is interested in attending. Fort Concho on Chadbourne St. has a garden that is for anyone in the community to get pick its produce. This will be more regulated in the future.

**Family Shelter** (Donna Soliz) - This is a 24 hour facility for victims of domestic violence. They are seeking volunteers in various areas. Some do not know they have extended stay apartments available for those who need it. For more information, call Valerie Tillery at 325-658-8631.

**Rust Street Ministries** (Brian Jarvis) - They have 40-50 people come through their location a day. Nbars Café serves approximately 200 people during the week. They need a group of volunteers to serve on Tuesdays. Charlie and Judy Smith lead the program. They serve from 12-1 p.m. Please share with church or service groups; they need about 10-12 people to cook, serve and clean up afterward.

**Disability Connections** (Sharon Troy) - This organization helps with housing and other services for low-income people. There are several upcoming events but she focused on the Virtual Dementia Tour, which will be held on Friday, May 17, 2019, and June 14 and 21, 2019, from 10-3:p.m. at Spring Hill Suites Hotel. For more information: Call Sharon @ 325-227-6624. They also help veterans and people applying for social security benefits. This organization has a Veteran Assistance Specialist who comes in from Abilene to assist



veterans.

**Methodist Healthcare Ministries** - Karen Green. The Methodist Soup Kitchen serves from 11:00-12:50 Monday through Saturday. They also help low-income or no income people with referral of various services. They serve up to 200 people. Most are same faces but they do see a few new faces. For more information, call Karen at 325-653-9391.

**Public Housing Authority** - Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) - For Section 8 and low rent clients. P.H.A. works with landlords; they also have homes or apartments where they are the landlord...available. The FSS Program helps low income people to become self-sufficient to improve their lives. There is a training program; they have a savings plan to help those who work through it and help them purchase things they need and obtain financial stability. For more information, call Nikki or Lizzie at P.H.A. at 325-486-3397.

**Galilee Community Development** - Stephanie Hamby announced they are using funds from an anonymous donor to help fund Nabors Café, distribute care packages, help for hotels, and general for families until housing is available. They also fund "Laundry for Love" program facilitated by First United Methodist Church. Project ID is going well. This helps homeless obtain ID so they can seek employment. There is approximately \$900.00 left in this fund. GCD has a spec house that is for sale for \$140,000.00. The applicant can't make more than \$79,000.00 per year. Contact Stephanie for more information. GCD is expanding their program to outlying Grape Creek area.

**MHMR** - Kristin is taking over Mary Blackburn's position when she retires in September. She is the Coordinator for Supportive Housing and people on the Housing Urban Development list. MRMR clients only. She focuses on homeless or about to be homeless and helps them seek and obtain housing.

**Salvation Army** (Debbie) - Event coming up is Military Day on May 18, 2019. San Angelo Chamber of Commerce will have bottled water and doughnuts for Salvation Army and various city service offices. The doughnut girl will be there. Hot dogs will be distributed at VFW.

The **S.A. Shelter** is still a work in progress. July 14, 2019 is the goal date to reopen. They have many programs available to the homeless, just not the shelter.

**West Texas Veterans** - Laura Ozuna - She helps veterans get housing and services. She works with Disability Connections and networks with many other service organizations. For more information, call Laura's work mobile number at 432-213-5796.

**United Way** (Robin) is having their Day of Caring. Operation Hope Delivered Program. They are accepting donations of goodies, such as socks, wipes, personal hygiene items, etc. The final day to collect is May 10th. For more information, please contact Robin at United Way at 325-949-3716.



**Area Agency on Aging** (Errin Hernandez and Toni Roberts) - This group offers transportation to 60 plus people curb to curb to get to appointments. They partner with Concho Valley Transit Department. There is a training opportunity for Aging in Texas Planning Commission in Houston, Texas, upcoming. More information will be available soon.

**City of San Angelo Family Services** - (Esther Rodriguez). They have a homeless prevention program. There is approximately \$13,000.00 in this fund. It's a program to prevent homeless. They do not pay back rent. Have various qualifications. They do help with deposits for homes or apartments if the person/family has a voucher with HUD. For more information, contact Esther at 325-655-0824.

Daina Schwartz, Secretary, thanked everyone for being here, advised the minutes would be on the CVHPC website soon and adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Daina S. Schwartz

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