

**Minutes**  
**Joint Municipal Action Committee**  
**July 8, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Member Catherine Ushka called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**ROLL CALL-JMAC COMMITTEE**

Catherine Ushka, Tacoma Public Schools  
Tim Reid, Metro Parks Tacoma  
Robert Thoms, City of Tacoma  
Clare Petrich, Port of Tacoma

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS**

Also in attendance were guests: Randy Lewis, City of Tacoma; Hunter George, Metro Parks Tacoma; Evette Mason, Port of Tacoma; Marty Campbell, City of Tacoma; Tiffany Speir, Pierce County; Derek Young, Pierce County; and Denise Rakas; City of Tacoma.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Robert Thoms moved to adopt the agenda. Clare Petrich seconded the motion. The motion was declared passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Clare Petrich moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2016. Tim Reid seconded the motion. The motion was declared passed.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Youth Summit Presentation

Kurt Miller, Executive Director of Community Youth Services provided information on youth and young adult homelessness programs. Youth are individuals ages 13-17 and young adults are ages 18-24. Coordinated entry is a county-wide referral system for housing all persons experiencing homelessness. Opening up in Tacoma/Pierce County is a crisis residential center providing beds for youth ages 13-17. Young adult overnight and emergency housing is for young adults 18-24 years old. On December 14, 2015 a young adult shelter opened up at the Beacon Center at 13<sup>th</sup> and Fawcett.

A day center for 13-24 year olds is open during the day to provide services for young people experiencing homelessness. It is a first stop for transition toward permanent housing providing meals, clothing, crisis counseling, case management, referrals, basic skills training, access to employment and education opportunities, etc.

The overnight shelter operates seven nights a week, 365 days a year. There are 40 beds available each night. Referrals are received through the coordinated entry system, however, most are drop-ins.

The crisis residential center is open for intake 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It provides a safe, comfortable and structured home-like setting. The focus of the program is to reunite families whenever possible. In July Community Youth Services is applying for about \$500,000 through the State for the crisis residential center program in particular.

For the period January-June 2016 there were 132 unduplicated young people equating to 5,371 bed nights. This is an average of 29 per night. There are up to four case managers from 6:30-10:00 p.m. and two over-night staff from 9:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.

A day center/young adult shelter has been identified. The paperwork and inspections are progressing for possible locations.

A crisis residential center location has been identified off of Portland Avenue. The Tacoma Housing Authority board of commissioners has provided the location for youth and young adult homelessness shelter at no cost. The campus will be similar to the Friends of Youth in Kirkland. The Tacoma Housing Authority is providing the land, the City of Tacoma and Pierce County are providing funding, and the Community Youth Services provides the operations.

There was discussion on shelter capacity, transportation options, funding available for immigrants, partnering agencies, and what resources and services would be provided at the crisis residential center. A question was asked regarding the donation of supplies and Mr. Miller replied that the item most needed was all types of socks. The phone number for the shelter at the Beacon Center is 253-778-6656.

#### **DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS/FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

No items were discussed.

#### **SETTING OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

August 12 – Regional Economic Growth (Dr. Ali Modarres, UWT)

Sept. 9 – Tacoma Mall Neighborhood Subarea Plan (Elliott Barnett, City of Tacoma)

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

South Sound 911/Emergency Management

Invite CEO of Pierce Transit

Continue Mental Health Conversation

Youth Mental Health Issues: Trafficking, Housing/Shelters, Gangs, Drugs, etc.

Economic Development Growth and Impacts

Trades, Apprenticeship, Regional Partnerships (Tacoma School District, Bates Technical College and City of Tacoma)

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, August 12, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 248 at the Tacoma Municipal Building. Quarterly meeting with the CEOs. Minutes for August to be taken by City of Tacoma.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Member Ushka adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.