

## **TEMS Community Advisory Committee Meeting**

### **Date / time:**

02/18/2020, 5-6 pm

### **Location:**

Graduate Tacoma  
919 S 9<sup>th</sup> St, Tacoma, WA 98405

### **Present at meeting:**

CAC members - Anne Artman, Claire Brummet  
Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) - John Brown, Eric Davis  
Recovery Cafe Case Manager - Ty Cambell (note: Anne Artman is Executive Director)  
City of Tacoma - Kristin Ely

### **Meeting minutes:**

Introduction of attendees

Chair: John Brown, Minute Taker: Claire Burnettt

Eric Davis and Ty Cambell are onsite at TEMS every weekday

- Staff members are in very close communication, meetings among staff members can occur emergently if needed
- Ty and Eric meet for staffing meeting every day
- Ty meets with every new resident and creates a recovery plan

Eric reports that in last 60 days:

- 36 residents have been served total
- Only three 911 calls
- 21 units currently occupied - 26 occupants currently (some are couples), 21 occupants are actively engaged in recovery
- 2 moves into stable housing from TEMS

Additional details of community

- TEMs is a clean and sober living community
- 24 hour a day staff on site, cameras in place surrounding site
- Referrals are coming from Recovery Café
- Donations List of needed donation items is available on site each Friday, eventually this information will be available online
- Residents asked to attend Recovery Café 2-3 times a week, most attend every day
- Each resident has an individual recovery coach
- Disciplinary issues are managed through contracts, many opportunities are provided for residents to overcome challenges related to disciplinary action, if these challenges ultimately cannot be overcome the resident is asked to leave TEMs, at this point the former resident is provided with resources and ongoing case management

- Barriers must be addressed to assist residents in achieving their goals; examples: assistance managing tickets with the city, provision of hygiene materials and space to engage in bathing, haircuts
- Meetings occur monthly with all residents

#### Background of move in

- December 19<sup>th</sup> 30 people were moved from Peoples Park into TEMs in one day
- Anne reports that 100% of people who wanted housing that date were provided it
- On the spot background checks were done on each resident
  - Disqualifiers: history of arson, sex offense
- Currently there is a waiting list

#### Kristin Ely with City of Tacoma:

- Metropolitan Development Counsel will implement additional strategies to assist with opening other permanent sites
- Ideas surrounding temporary shelter are continuing to be explored
- 50 new beds opening at Tacoma Rescue Mission

Anne advocates that the practices used at the TEMs community are working and should be integrated into future sites

Eric advocates awareness around importance of transparency, believes that two months is a standard that has been set at the TEMs community, further indicates feeling supported by the City of Tacoma