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Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Friday, September 25, 2020 Meeting #28 Agenda

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Location: Remote online meeting, for more information visit

<http://whatcomcounty.us/2748/Homeless-Strategies-Workgroup-Meeting-In>

1) Welcome, HSW Chair, Whatcom County Councilmember Barry Buchanan (5 min)

- a) The purpose of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup, is to identify
 - Additional temporary winter shelters,
 - Added capacity for year-round shelters.
 - Additional opportunities to address the needs of the county's homeless population, and
 - An additional purpose of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup (as per 8/9/19 meeting) is to create a communication network for organizations to work together better.
 - Strategies to prevent people from having no other option than to sleep outside.

b) Roll Call

c) **Approval of Meeting Summary:** Meeting 27 – September 11, 2020

d) **Next Meeting:** Friday, October 9, 2020; 1:30pm

e) **New member:** Hannah Stone, Bellingham City Council Member

2) Ideas for List of Alternative Strategies & Responses Chart (25 min)

3) Identify location and partner for safe parking (10 min)

4) Year-round sheltering for families (10 min)

5) Winter Shelter – temporary and emergency (5 min)

- a) Partners
- b) Funding
- c) Communications

6) Additional Action Items (5 min)

- a) Encampment clean ups/sweeps, City of Bellingham
- b) Other items

7) Public Comment (*begins at approximately 2:30 pm*)

Speakers will have a maximum of 3 minutes to speak. To request to speak, please virtually raise your hand by (online) clicking the hand icon or by (phone) dialing * 9.