

Data Collection, Reporting and Evaluation Committee

May 14, 2020 11:00am MST / 10:00 am PST

Meeting Minutes

Chair:	Susan Thurm
Attendees:	Bob Daugherty, Angela Wartel, Jeremy Blades, Donna Graybill, Susan Thurm, Jennifer Otto, Cathy Jones, Amy Jenott
Not Present:	Jordan Spencer, Lisa Steele

1. **Convene meeting/roll call.** Susan convened at 11:00am and took roll call.
2. **Review & Finalize Minutes:** Bob motion to accept May 14, 2020 minutes as presented. Angela second. Meeting minutes passed.

NEW ITEMS:

3. COVID-19 Regional Check in

Region 1: Bob the thrift store scheduled to reopen on May 18th. Programs are all good/fine. Due to COVID contact to the public is via phone, the help center is locked and but allowing customers to be seen by appointment only. 60-70% of the staff are all still working from home. Coeur d'Alene city structure and council are not dealing with homelessness at all – they have shut down all temporary shelters. Heritage House is open and Spokane has been moving people to a sports complex and able to serve 100+ people.

Region 2: Angela reminded us that Steve from Sojourners is stepping down – he's been one of the biggest advocates for homelessness programs in the area. Because of this new vacancy things are a little up-in-the-air as far as where they go for now. The town keeps refusing efforts to house homeless, Lewiston seems to be serving the needs.

Region 3: Jeremy had a meeting set for 5/13/20 but due to COVID-19 related difficulties, it was not held. Shelters are up and running CATCH caseload is high and will be taking new cases soon. Jesse Tree is up and running. They are looking to hire a new CE person as soon as possible.

Region 4: Donna spoke with private-run homeless shelter and reports business as usual. They are utilizing hotel and motels.

Region 5: Susan reported shelter numbers mid-March was at 42 now they have one. Sharon was able to get the high-risk customers housed, the rest are in hotel and motels – no communal living. The office is not open yet.

Region 6: Jordan is on maternity leave.

HMIS: Jennifer is waiting to hear from HUD for ESG funding for Homelessness Prevention – income requirements will be 50% AMI. Branch offices will be access points for funds. Amy added that applications will be available on the IHFA website and Region 5 will utilize the Idaho Falls branch.

4. Regional Housing Coalition Updates

- Region 1 – Bob said they have not met, they need to re-evaluate resource list.
- Region 2 – Angela reported a very brief call with Steve and nothing else.
- Region 3 – Jeremy stated they will be rescheduling their meeting.
- Region 4 – Donna said they met in March and April reviewing priorities and pushing forward on goals.
- Region 5 – Susan said next meeting will, hopefully, be in July.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS: None

POINTS OF INFORMATION: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:33am