

## Work Report – March 2020

### Support Services:

We are continuing to assess needs and gather information about our local systems by keeping in contact with homeless couple (F&G) ***They could use a heat source that plugs into the cigarette lighter to stop spending money on gas and requesting gas cards from service providers.***

### Housing:

I began calling our Affordable Housing units in Monroe to have a reference of contacts. All are full, with waiting lists of 2-3 years. I was able to get a couple of their applications to have on file also.

In conversation with Michael from TTNS he has said it ***would be helpful to know which local landlords would be willing to take housing vouchers to supplement rent.***

### Partners:

Oxford House - We had a zoom meeting with Oxford House and learned about their program. It is a self-managing system. Residents are voted into the house and sign contracts of conduct. Roles and chores are assigned. Each tenant pays an EES - \$550-\$570. Mandatory meetings and UA's that fellow household members can request. ***Seeking Upscale Houses in nice neighborhoods with a rent of 2500/3000 a month.***

Congregations for The Homeless - We had a zoom meeting with Congregations for The Homeless (CFH) and learned about their four program approach. Their organization has a high success rate and has been operating for 28 years. They mobilize twelve host churches, and others in the faith community, to provide a rotating shelter for about 35 men that is high barrier with goals to move into housing. They also have an outreach program, a low barrier 24/7 shelter program, and a housing program. The secret to their success is their case management. Their program focuses on men only. They would be happy to help & consult with us.

HART Report - We met with the County Executive Assistant to go over the HART report & the HPAC final Report and seek her feedback and advise.

Housing Navigator - We met with our local navigator who will be transitioning the area to someone else as she is moving out of state.

Cocoon House - We met with Cocoon house and heard about their successful programs with youth housing options and how they manage cases. Their program incorporates an emphasis on attempting to reunify and reconcile family relationships, trainings and classes, peer leadership, and employing lived experience to guide their programs.

Community Transit - I reconnected with Community Transit to explore the VanGo grant for transportation to Everett and have been added to a list of interested parties.

## Prevention:

In the Communications plan Willow is focusing on the website while we wait for Rich to join us to manage the Ambassadors and for council to approve this part of the communications plan. We are meeting with the core team to discuss the We Are Monroe campaign in the beginning of April.

## Policy & Budget:

Several items on the action plan now reflect being put on hold due to Coronavirus and the new social services landscape and focus we are finding ourselves in. The key in the Gantt Map now has a CV to reflect items on hold due to the Coronavirus.

## Covid19 Response:

Local service providers are focusing on prevention in food and rental assistance. *(see Local Services - Crisis Document)*

We are working to coordinate local efforts and find ways to help. I have checked in with many of our local service providers to see how they are adjusting. We now have a list of current services being offered in Monroe. I have scheduled weekly check in zoom meetings to help us coordinate and share needs.

Our Facilitated TAC meetings will resume in May with Jody. Currently all our TAC members are responding to the crisis of right now.

I am looking at the Action Plan to try to find things I can focus on that are duo purpose for right now and for when we emerge from this current crisis. I have highlighted areas of focus that may be of most value as we work remotely. *(see 2020 HPAC Action Plan - Gantt Map Chart)*

Considerable concern about funding from the City is being expressed. Whether we should tap into the \$100,000 earmarked for HPAC implementation or use HB1406 money to go towards relief efforts.

We have been exploring grant/relief funds with MJ & Debbi Trosvig at the county and sitting in on County conference calls.

**The City is placing a porta potty and hand washing station in front of City Hall for the homeless to use while all our public restrooms are closed. \$345. To be installed: Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**

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**2020 HPAC Action Plan - Gantt Map Chart (X = Started O = Not Started) (CV – On hold due to Coronavirus)**

<b>A. Housing</b>												
Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing (Crisis Housing, Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing)	O	O	CV									
Evaluate Property Units			X									
Negotiate Lease – Master Leasing												
Write RFP and Secure Program Manager through RFP												
Develop criteria with TAC	O	O	CV									
Provide Rental Assistance through RFP	O	O	O									
Establish Sky Valley Housing Consortium	X	O	CV									
Inventory Surplus Property			X									
Identify Housing Needs	O	X	X									
Work with TAC to identify partners and available funding		X	X									
<b>B. Partners</b>												
Form a TAC	X	X	X									
Identify non-profit stakeholders and partners	X	X	X									
Determine shared mission and vision		O	O									
Evaluate needs and resources for one-stop shop			X									
Write scope of work for RFP for one-stop shop												
Establish Transportation service between Sky Valley and Everett	O	O	O									
Evaluate transportation needs with partners	X	O	O									
Evaluate existing transportation contracts with non-profits	X	O	O									
Apply for Transit Go (grant) program			X									
Provide information about services to remain housed, financial training, and incentives for businesses to hire employees with entry level skills, information about mental and behavioral health services.	O	O	O									

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Work with partners to develop and promote annual “human services days” set up like a vendor show.	O	O	CV									
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**C. Prevention**

Educational Campaign (Enviroissues Contract)	X	X	X									
Develop education and outreach communication plan	X	X	X									
Educate Property Owners about laws, enforcement, trespass – Chamber of Commerce & Downtown Monroe Association		O	O									
Educate public about aggressive panhandling, property crime, and personal safety		O	O									
Educate public about safety regarding vigilantism and bullying		O	O									
Develop and implement Block Watch Program – residential and business buy in/ education/ communication – training & certification program.												
Develop working relationship with McKinney Vento liaison at Monroe High School												
Identify needs of homeless families	O	X	X									
Work with McKinney-Vento Family Liaisons in the Monroe School District to distribute flyers of local and county services for homeless students and families and encourage MSD to post flyers on school premises			X									

**D. Public Safety**

Implement law enforcement strategies	O	O	O									
Review Solicitation Regulations		O	O									
Evaluate Bail Fees												
Develop and implement Block Watch Program – residential and business buy in/ education/ communication – training & certification program												
Continue Embedded Social Worker Program	X	X	X									

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Police Department (Existing Program)	X	X	X									
Public Defender (New level of services)			X									
Install Cameras in Parks	O	O	O									
Collect data on court cases. Determine with Monroe Municipal Court the costs/benefits of community court model												
Identify partners to develop community court model												
Determine with Monroe Municipal Court and partners the cost/benefits of community court model												
<b>A. Support Services</b>												
Coordinated Services – One Stop Shop												
Develop scope of work with TAC	X	X	CV									
Issue RFP			CV									
Award RFP												
Establish Homeless HMIS/by name lists												
Work with TAC and Snohomish County to identify resources to provide housing and mental health navigators in the Sky Valley	X	X	CV									
Provide facilities and funding for non-profits	O	O	CV									
Work with Take the Next Step and Volunteers of America to designate a family resource center and/or services in Monroe			O									
<b>A. Policy &amp; Budget</b>												
Define 2021 Work Plan, Priorities, and implementation Model												
Identify performance measures, and a full HMIS utilized by service providers.												
Lobby for changes to State and Federal law	X	O	O									
Collaborate with Affordable Housing Consortium (AHC) on writing new												

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housing chapter for the city's comprehensive plan update.												
Continue HPAC as a standing committee	X	O	CV									
Implement HB1406 and explore all revenue options for housing, mental health and chemical dependency.	X	X	X									
Identify needs			X									
Develop criteria with TAC			CV									
Provide Rental Assistance through RFP	O	O	O									
Evaluate Program												

## Local Social Services – Crisis Response

Week of 3/23/2020

**TTNS Laron** is trying to stay connected with Take the Next Step families by dropping off food & school work related resources. He is also ready to reallocate program funds into prevention assistance. The resource center is closed but services are available remotely. Call 360-794-1022 during 10am-5pm M-F business hours. Forwarding calls to navigators. Exploring Seattle Foundation Grant & has received some Community Foundation Grant Money.

**Sky Valley Foodbank** is closed but coordinating with Phil to deliver meals. Contact [PSpirito@sno-isle.com](mailto:PSpirito@sno-isle.com) to volunteer for food delivery teams; or if you are in need of delivery send your name, address, phone number, and the number of people in your household.

**The Boys & Girls Club** Jeff is reducing costs of childcare and expanding scholarships.

**St. Vincent** Inga is focusing on exploring funds for expanding rental and utility assistance. Community Foundation Grant Recipient.

**The school district** in partnership with the foodbank has been great in getting food in the hands of families. The Connections Team (Multi-Cultural Team that shares information and resources to families), has been great in helping us reach families and share the available resources. Please send me any resources that you feel would be beneficial to our families and I will ensure the team shares the information.

**YMCA** is providing emergency child-care for the sky valley area. Offering this for FREE to all first responders and medical staff.

**Cascade Community Church** is closed but Kimberly Clem is still available for meetings to assist with rent, utilities and food.

**Catholic Community Services** is working remotely and focusing on mental health/chemical dependency recovery & remote meetings.

**Evergreen Health Social Services** is still fully operational. Challenges with discharging patients.

**MPD** – Diversion Center is closed. Embedded Social Worker and Team is currently not as accessible. ATV patrols in parks to be present.

**EGM** the shelter is on lockdown to protect clients and staff. To go services & to go meals.

**VOA** center is open 9am-4pm. Has drive-up / pick-up meals, food bank is still open. Their “Send Meals” service is accepting applications.

**FEMA** – Providing Rental & Food Assistance.

**The County** - Community Foundation. They won't be issuing an RFP but they are assessing needs from the give well website, emails & calls. <https://pihchub.org/givewell/>

-There are more grants coming from the stimulus that they do not have information on yet.

-Angel of the Winds arena & Providence – People showing symptoms.

**Unemployment** – esd.wa.gov Expanded unemployment with carefunds.

**The City of Monroe** has two websites up and running:

<http://www.monroewa.gov/934/COVID-19> (you will see “tabs” half-way down the page for “city operations”, “businesses”, “resources” and “FAQs”)

The chamber also has a webpage listed for delivery and take-out restaurants in Monroe

<https://www.choosemonroe.com/listings.aspx?nv=1880&c=1880>

