

# Ryana Parks-Shaw

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## MEETING PLANNER/MINUTES

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| <b>MEETING TITLE:</b> Houseless Task Force           |   | <b>DATE HELD:</b> May 17, 2022  |  |
| <b>MEETING PURPOSE:</b>                              |   | <b>NEXT MEETING:</b> June 21, 2022  |  |
| <b>FACILITATOR:</b> CW Ryana Parks-Shaw              |   |   |  |
| <b>TASK FORCE MEMBERS</b>                            |   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CW Ryana Parks-Shaw - chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Dooley     | <input type="checkbox"/>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marqueia Watson – co-chair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Boyer    | <input type="checkbox"/>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CM Eric Bunch               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jaysen Vansickle            | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anton Washington            | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Becky Poitras               | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anne Jordan                 | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |   |  |
| <b>ATTENDEES</b>                                     |   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Anne Williamson         | <input type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Sanders    |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aisha Safir                 | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Guarino                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Monica Sanders     |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kimiko Black Gilmore        | <input type="checkbox"/> Samantha Bradfield |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Josh Henges                 | <input type="checkbox"/>                    |   |  |
| <b>OBJECTIVES/AGENDA:</b>                            |   | <b>OWNER/NOTES</b>  | <b>ACTION ITEMS/RESULTS</b>                  |
| 1.   | <b>General Information</b>                  | This discussion focused on key issues related to houselessness, policy recommendations, updates on the Community Needs Assessment and updates on the next phase of the Extreme Weather Plan. This meeting did not achieve quorum for entire duration. |  |
| 2.   | <b>Minutes Approval 04-19-2022 Meeting</b>  | This meeting did not meet quorum and was unable to vote on the approval for the 4-19-2022 meeting minutes.  | Will vote at next meeting on minute approval |

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| 3 | <b>Key Issues Related to Houselessness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Collaboration</b></li><li>• <b>Continuum of Care</b></li><li>• <b>House America Initiative</b></li></ul> | <b>Community Collaboration</b> <p>Josh Henges discussed updates on community collaboration and partner building efforts around the health care system. Additionally, for the past month he has been supporting listening sessions with neighborhoods and the faith-based community.</p> <p>Jaysen discussed a supply give away this upcoming Saturday. His team has connected with a new retail partner that donated 50 palettes worth of sanitizing supplies for the giveaway, any agency can put in a request for supplies.</p> <b>Continuum of Care</b> <p>Becky Poitras updated that Point in Time Counts will be available soon. Preliminary review indicates KCMO numbers have increased. Currently, her team is working with KCPD and other community providers to locate houseless community members. MODOT will begin issuing trespassing tickets soon, and her team is working on spreading awareness of this issue to houseless folks.</p> <p>Marqueia Watson updated that her team's Point in Time Count will be published soon. Recent updates include supporting City staff with strategies addressing encampments and implementation of the City Manager's hygiene feasibility study with Josh Henges, and advocacy work in Jefferson City for upcoming legislation.</p> <p>COC is working on implementing online training platform with best practices information, potential topics include mental health, substance misuse, and LGBT+ community. Will be doing a training with KC Care and Health Department on HIV/AIDs topics. Trends indicate there is a growing number of folks living with these conditions that are not engaged with services.</p> <p>Street outreach implementation technology update: finished pilot and working for community to make use of this technology.</p> <p>Attended the Built for Zero Conference in Chicago and connected with Tamera Wright (UCIH representative). The Conference had an intensive focus on racial equity work and developing strategies to address.</p> <b>House America Initiative</b> <p>Anne Jordan Coordinated meeting with HUD and regional usage folks about usage to date, challenges, and opportunity for future support. All call - if anyone wants to have topics lifted up to HUD about challenges about services and permanent housing, please email Anne Jordan.</p> |  |
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| 4.   | <b>Policy</b>                     | <p>Tenting ordinance has been held in Finance Committee until June 29<sup>th</sup>, there was a committee sub introduced by CW Shields in April and can be found online.</p> <p>Currently working on building relationships and coordination with 311 and police. Held a meeting with the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Josh Henges to review duplication of efforts and what it means to satisfy a 311 call.</p> <p>America Best Value Inn – another community meeting May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm to get feedback from the neighborhood and others interested. City is still waiting on appraisal of property and that will inform the purchase. This project is still in the planning phase, and nothing has currently been purchased.</p>         | Presentation on America Best Value Inn at next meeting    |
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| 5.   | <b>Community Needs Assessment</b> | <p>Dr. Williamson provided a PowerPoint reviewing the drafted mission statement. The Task Force will vote once there is a quorum reached. The listening sessions were postponed for the public, but stakeholder meetings will be held. Three questions have been developed and an anonymous survey has been created. Becky discussed concerns for transportation for folks to get to Antioch Branch. Dr. Williamson will look into location and transportation issues.</p>  | Task Force will vote on mission statement at next meeting |
| 6.   | <b>Extreme Weather Plan</b>       | <p>Josh provided a review of the Extreme Weather Plan debrief and upcoming weather plans.</p> <p>Recently met with community organizations to discuss cooling centers during the Summer, most organizations said they don't need much, but they want to be included as referrals. Not a lot of people congregate at once for cooling shelters but will make sure there is a plan if an overnight shelter is needed.</p> <p>Will connect with Parks Department to see what community centers are lacking and what to look for if people are coming in with heat stroke/dehydration, trends indicate a spike of opiate use so people may present with dehydration symptoms but might be overdosing, will be distributing Narcan and providing education</p> |   |
| 7.   | <b>Additional Items as Needed</b> | <p>Marqueia provided education around violence occurring. She acknowledged being in an unsheltered situation is dangerous, and there has been violence over the past couple of weeks. Recent events stress importance of being responsive to needs and challenges people are facing. There has been an uptick in suicides and violence among single adults.</p> <p><b>Meeting logistics</b></p> <p>There was some discussion around moving towards a hybrid meeting style (both virtual and in-person options). Aisha Sufir will look into the possibility of future hybrid meetings. Members also discussed need to adjust calendar invite to be 1.5 hours.</p>  |   |
| 8.   |                                   |   |   |
| ISSUES AND ACTION ITEMS<br>(DELEGATED TASKS) |                                   | CURRENT STATUS / COMMENTS   | OWNER<br>ESTIMATED<br>RESOLUTION<br>DATE                  |
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| ADDITIONAL MEETING COMMENTS |
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