

REGION II
Behavioral Health Board
Housing Sub-Committee

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

3/13/23—2:00 – 3:00PM

Via

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- Welcome, and Introductions: Lisa Martin, Cynthia Nunez, Theresa Graber-Gimmeson, Shannon Grow, Shaun Hollace, Cara Snyder, Michelle King and Joel Plaskon
- Approval of January 23, 2023 Minutes – **Motion to move – Theresa Graber-Gimmeson and second Michelle King**
- Update on Warming Shelter - Shaun Hollace reporting
The warming shelter has been open daily at First Steps 4 Life and averaging 9-10 people who stay all night. There are a handful of other people who stop in for coffee and to warm up. Projected closing date will depend on weather.
Recovery houses are open in the community - Men's house has 9 beds and women's house has 5 beds. Orofino has one men's house and has 6 beds. The average stay is about 1 yr. The rules include that residents need to be working recovery and UA's are administered. Residents are required to attend 3 recovery meetings a week. Shaun is working on opening another house in Orofino and additional house in Lewiston.
Shaun took both the Oxford and Rising Sun models and blended them. They each have a house manager.

Shannon reported that the warming shelter ordinance expires in a week. She is involved in looking at the problem now rather than being reactive in the winter when something is needed.
Michelle recommended for Shannon to look at the idea of a buffer zone and to define what this means and to review the denial of the conditional use permit.
- Update on Lewiston Schools; families and housing – Cynthia Nunez
Since the first of the school year there have been 70 families living in trailers and motel rooms. To date 115 students who are living in temporary housing. School social workers are providing applications to families to apply for ID housing.
- Miscellaneous
 - Iris – doubling up residents in their studio apartments by using bunk beds.
 - Shaun reported that the Fletcher Group will be coming into the area. This is a program that will be providing assistance with employment.

- Michelle reported that she has an intern who will be doing her Sr. Project by surveying homelessness that will include couch surfing. Currently the Point in Time survey does not include couch surfing. The survey is intended to bridge the communities between the 2 rivers.
- Youth Resource Center is open and operational. Referrals are accepted from community members and then assessed. Three kids are living there FT. Others come in after school and use their services.

*Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023. **This committee meets every other month***