

**Kenai Peninsula Continuum of Care Quarterly**  
**September 30, 2024 at 12PM**

Meeting called to order at 12:06PM

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

**Report on the Balance of State activities**

**Housing Summit**

**CoC Grant funding recommendations to HUD \$1.9 - 3.3M** in funding to be received, which the rank and review committee went over.

- **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program** Abby Ferrer, case manager at South Peninsula Behavioral Health provided an update. SPBH application to YHDP was supported again. This means supported services navigation and diversion, as well as direct service provision for folks experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Looking forward to eSnaps!
- **Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault** Cheri Smith, Executive Director of the Leeshore Center provided an update about funds for transitional housing.
- **Kenai Peninsula Housing Initiative** KPHI chose not to apply. Two programs did not score high enough to be funded and were also reallocated. Board chose to direct funds to Neighborworks for Permanent Supportive Housing. Laura is here from Neighborworks to introduce the project they are embarking on the Peninsula.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing** Neighborworks is a housing developer / landlord that mainly works in Anchorage, but we have projects in Bethel. We partner with agencies to run Permanent Supportive Housing buildings. We have supportively housed 700 individuals in the Municipality of Anchorage.
  - Our company applied last year and was not awarded, and this year we applied again for Kenai Peninsula Permanent Supportive

Housing funding. Our intent is to serve up to 10 homeless individuals, with housing and supportive services. We were funded but not awarded at full. July 2025, if all goes as planned, is when we will house at least 6 individuals and a case manager for those individuals. Agnew Beck is working with us to get up to capacity with billing Medicaid, which could expand us past 6 people.

- Individuals will enter through coordinated entry / balance of state. Coordinated entry folks come from LoveINC, Leeshore, etc. We have a few landlord contacts and have signed memorandums with a housing developer/landlord who will be purchasing buildings and land for the purpose of housing our clients.
- Question: Will there be wraparound with case management? How does that work with Anchorage offices?
  - Once an individual is referred, case managers conduct outreach, submit to Neighborworks for approval. There is an intake process with additional documentation, information on finding a unit, support for submission of applications. Once approved for a unit or house, case managers walk them through leasing paperwork, get them moved in, provide a meal kit and move in kit (basic necessities). From there case managers complete case plans. It is a permanent program, the clients qualify on income basis yearly. There are “moving on” strategies - Rise program is focused on folks with most intensive needs. Once needs are met and stability is reached - intensity of case management decreases. Programs increase education, ability to work, and decrease need for resources.
  - Neighborworks will be hiring someone based on the Kenai, and partnering for office space, with the ultimate goal of an office onsite in July 2025. If we are fully awarded, we can start finalizing agreements and ramping up effective July 1

with staff hired. Neighborworks also houses the Anchorage reentry coordinator so will serve as a resource for justice involved community members. The office will be based in Kenai or Soldotna but the program would be available to anyone on the Peninsula. Case manager should be able to travel to Homer and steward for outreach.

Any additional questions or conversations please reach out to Laura Cox-Wilson Director of Supportive Housing, NeighborWorks Alaska  
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### **Alaska Housing Finance & Alaska Mental Health Trust Convening with HAPP & SNHG Grantees October 9th & 10th**

Leslie Rohr, Love INC to attend.

### **Memorandum of Understanding & Data Sharing Agreement**

There was a request for updated MOUs/ need to be updated and current. Want to see regular meetings on CU (coordinated entry) - Holly Blood will come down from FBX - is CU person for BoS and will meet with us.

### **Other Discussion**

**Shelter update** Babies bring us over the count, they don't count as needing a bed until they are two years old. The parking lot is being dug up, they are putting gravel down. Replacing unit heaters - cafeteria and garage, and septic system - this could bring the overall capacity to 44 with staff. The shelter is seeking volunteers to do 12 hour night shifts. There was a Community Assistance Program (CAP) grant meeting, 5 agencies agreed to split 15K (3K each) for unincorporated areas. We applied for Nikiski and K-beach, and got both.

**100% Community** Scheduled quarterly action meetings, next is December 13th at the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank from 10am - 12pm. Abby has team leads and co-leads. Resource application that AIA has been working on is 1-month out from being shared with the public. Having a proactive resource list has made us a star region! Denali Daniels confirmed to facilitate in person October strategy session for

leadership of 100%, while planning large community meeting in January or February. Apply for Rasmuson funding to support 100% coordinator.

**Project Homeless Connect** Event to be held on Tuesday January 28th at the sports center. The first organizing meeting on October 15th,

**Transportation Funding Prioritization** Dana Cannava to follow up with updates.

**Red Eye Rides** has branched and is providing for profit transportation to Anchorage.

CARTS is looking to connect for a streamlined system. Similar collaboration with folks at BUMPS, and any entity providing transportation above or below us. Alaska Cab & CARTS are working together to use a unified system - where the user can see what kind of vehicle and its time estimate. CARTS is working with AK Cab for a new wheelchair-accessible van.