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| Present: | **Voting Board Members:**  Craig Volwiler- Finance Sector  Mike Rizzitiello, City of College Place, Chair  Jay Potts, City of Prescott  Elizabeth Chamberlain, City of Walla Walla  Randy Hinchliffe, City of Waitsburg  TJ Espinoza, Realtor  Paul Mitchell, Faith-Based  Cate Daniels, Service Provider  Greg Tompkins, BOCC | VETERANS, VACANT  Renee Rooker, WWHA  Timothy Barrett, Transportation  Norrie Gregoire, Corrections/Safety  Kimberly Powell, Legal  Anne-Marie Zell-Schwerin, DV shelter  Tim Meliah, Youth Services  EDUCATION, VACANT  HOSPITAL, VACANT |
| **Non-Voting Participants:** Dan Clark, Rob Applegate, Lydia Caudill (proxy for Elizabeth Chamberlain), Corina Car, Emily Brown, Clay Looney, Rachel Elfenbein, Clemintine Benjamin, Catherine Veninga, Terri Silvis, Sanya Unis, Keith Farrington  DCH Staff: Sam Jackle | | |

**Quorum Present –** Yes

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of March 24, 2022 Minutes:** Tim moves to approve with corrections, Craig seconds. All in favor.

**Commerce Update (Sam Jackle):** Mitch shared about efforts to partner with planning bodies and human services to better serve vulnerable populations. Interest around new or expanded programs. Discussion around anticipated one-page/two-pager from the Dept. of Commerce Housing Assistance Unit to help convey this information in a more digestible manner.

**Rural TA Opportunity (Sam Jackle):** Interested groups are encouraged to go to the website for more information and to email their questions to the email indicated on the flyer.

**Youth & Young Adult Update (Tim Meliah):** Update on the progress of the Walla Walla Anchor Community Initiative. Over a 50% reduction in active homelessness amongst unaccompanied youth and young adults (ages 12-24) in the past year. Walla Walla County on track to be the 2nd community in Washington State, 3rd in the county to achieve a shift in youth and young adult homeless. Four Office of Homeless Youth RFPs out and due May 16th.

**The STAR Project (Dan Clark & Rob Applegate):** STAR will continue to operate and is seeking additional funding and staffing at this time. Services will continue with volunteer support.

**Regional Housing Action Plan/County-wide Planning RFP (Lydia Caudill):** Regional Housing Action Plan – received funding for SEPA exemption thresholds. No update currently on the county-wide planning RFP. Mobile home park recommendations presented to Walla Walla City Council at the May 9th work session.

**Community Land Trust Update (Rachel Elfenbein)**: Washington State Secretary of State accepted articles of incorporation, will be applying for tax exemption. Still raising funds for Executive Director.

**ERAP 2.0 (Cate Daniels)**: Crisis hours being hosted for folks that have received 14-day pay or no vacate notice Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m., Thursdays 1-3 p.m. Asking that folks bring their notice, names and DOBs of everyone in households, and landlord contact information. Copy of most recent signed lease agreement is also helpful, as well as income documentation. Commerce Dashboard available[**here**](https://insight-editor.livestories.com/s/v2/washington-state-department-of-commerce-emergency-rental-relief-distribution/ce5d59f3-36fe-4633-8768-759eca2ea077)

**County Homeless/Housing RFP (Sam Jackle)**: Tabled for May 2022 meeting.

**Other Business**: No other business at this time.

**Adjournment:** 3:03 p.m.