

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

January 12, 2009 Meeting Notes

Attending: Doug Ballou, Chair; Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association; Art Stubbs, Vice Chair; Holly Gaya, Clark County PIO; Neil Chambers, Andresen/St. Johns Neighborhood Association; Barbara Anderson, North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association; Avril Massey, North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association; John Allen, Clark County Railroad Advisory Board; Cathy Steiger, Greater Brush Prairie Neighborhood Association; Andrew Ness, Port of Vancouver; Paul Newman, Clark County Assessment and GIS; Sandra Bennett, East Fork Frontier Neighborhood Association; Linda Anderson, East Fork Frontier Neighborhood Association; Pat Roe, Clark County Regional Support Network; Judith Hooyen, Clark County Regional Support Network

Announcements:

- Doug thanked Bud for chairing the December 2008 NACCC meeting.
- Doug acknowledged Clark County Public Works for their response to the record snowfall. They worked for over two weeks, including Christmas Day, to clear roadways. Their efforts should be acknowledged and Doug encouraged the group to express their gratitude to Pete Capell, Kevin Gray, Jim Gladson, Greg Shafer and Denis Ryan for a job well done.
- Doug has forwarded an e-mail from Kellie Henderson regarding the Gangs in Schools Task Force recommendations to the Washington Legislature. Kellie is asking neighborhood leaders to review the synopsis and complete the survey. If you need assistance, you can contact Kellie at:
Kellie.Henderson@clark.wa.gov
- State of the County will be February 12, 2009 at Camas High School at 3:30. There is no charge for the event but RSVP is requested.
- Port of Vancouver's State of the Port will be February 5, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at the Quay. The cost is \$25.

The Railroad Advisory Board is going to Olympia to discuss Clark County rail issues on January 27. Following a day of meetings, there

will be a reception. Everyone is invited. For more information on time, location and to RSVP contact Kimberly Karg (WSSLRRA) at 509-769-5003.

Crime Mapper Paul Newman, Clark County Assessment and GIS

Paul presented the new Maps Online Crime Mapper. The map shows the location of crimes but does not identify the specific address. Crime statistics are posted to reflect the previous 12 weeks and are updated weekly. The software is capable of targeting areas such as neighborhood associations or drawing a radius and producing a crime report. The map reflects crimes related to: arson, auto theft, burglary, drugs, forgery, fraud, malicious mischief, theft and vehicle prowls. Crimes recorded by the La Center and Ridgefield Police Departments are not yet included. To access the Crime Mapper: <http://gis.clark.wa.gov/gishome> and click on GIS Programs in the left column then, click on Crime Statistics which is the last listing under Community in the middle of the page. If you have questions, contact Paul Newman at Paul.Newman@clark.wa.gov or 360.397.2391 x4653.

Clark County Regional Support Network Pat Roe, Family Support Specialist and Judith Hooyen, LICSW Care Manager – Clark County Department of Community Services

The Clark County Regional Support Network (CCRSN) covers both inpatient and outpatient public mental health services. Judith and Pat provided a Consumer and Family Handbook Guide to Public Mental Health Services and myth and fact sheets.

If someone approaches a neighborhood leader and wants to know how to access basic mental health services for themselves or a family member, they can call the RSN or contact one of our agencies directly to request an appointment. Information on all of our agencies and their contact numbers are in the Handbooks (centerfold) that were handed out at the meeting. This information is also accessed on the Clark County website at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/mental-health/services/index.html>.

There are many programs that serve different segments of the population and, while most of them require that the person be on Medicaid, some have different eligibility requirements. One thing that can speed the process along is for the person to apply for Medicaid coverage before contacting the agencies, and this can be accomplished

by visiting the Community Service Office at 5411 Mill Plain Blvd. They can also apply on-line, but visiting the office gets the quickest results.

Please note that if the person is in a crisis situation, they can access services immediately by calling the Clark County crisis line at 696-9560 or by visiting one of our hospital emergency departments. Crisis services are available to everyone regardless of insurance coverage or financial situation.

If the situation hasn't reached crisis proportions, but they just want someone to talk to, they can also call one of our two "Warm Lines". There is a warm line (staffed by trained CVAB volunteers) for adults that can be accessed by calling 360-750-2012 or 360-750-2014. This is a pager and they will have to leave their number for a call back. Teens/adolescents can call the Teentalk line at 360-397-2428 or can go online to www.ccteentalk.clark.wa.gov. Teentalk is staffed by teens who have received training in helping other teens.

Additionally, we are very lucky here in Clark County to have both a family support organization and a consumer support organization- NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and CVAB (Consumer Voices are Born). NAMI is a family run organization that provides education and support for family members of someone with a mental health diagnosis and CVAB is run by individuals who themselves have experienced a mental illness in their lives and they also provide support, educational and vocational opportunities, and socialization. Both of these organizations provide their services free of charge to anyone in our community. People can always be referred to either of these groups for additional help and support in finding the services they may need.

Clark County RSN is currently undergoing a system redesign process to figure out how to best serve our community and a part of that is looking at how to meet the current budget crisis. There is an open community meeting on Wednesday, January 21st, from 5 to 7 pm at the YWCA building, 3609 Main Street. Judy and Pat hope that some of NACCC members might be able to attend and can provide input and take information back to their respective neighborhoods regarding mental health services as things move forward.

For more information, Judith Hooyen, Judith.Hooyen@clark.wa.gov 360.397.2130 or Pat Roe, Pat.Roe@clark.wa.gov 397-2075 ext. 7874

Clark County Employees of the Year

Clark County Employees of the Year were selected. Doug will order the plaques and NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association will pay for them. All associations are asked to contribute what they can at the next NACCC meeting.

Holly will make arrangements for the State of the County presentation and assure all those who are being recognized will be at the State of the County.

Next Neighborhood Associations Council Meeting will be February 9, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.

Reviewed and approved by Doug Ballou, January 22, 2009.