**Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition Meeting Notes- June 19th 2020**

**12 – 12:40 pm via Zoom**

**I. Welcome - Shaun**

A. Housekeeping & Agenda

B. Solidarity Statement-Email sent out to everyone.

C. Board Position

1. Always looking for new board members. Looking for someone who is good with PR and social media.

2. Also looking for people with expertise in areas such as legal, accounting, medical community, etc. Need people with diverse skill sets.

**HOMEWORK:** Let Shaun know if you are interested or know of someone who is interested.

**II. Project Homeless Connect-Karissa**

A. Cancelled for the summer but on July 15 will do an outreach effort. Will also update donation needs.

B. Will have an “Inreach” on July 22 at Salvation Army’s men shelter. Still working on operations on how to keep people safe, but will practice social distancing.

**HOMEWORK:** Needs include sunscreen and bug spray. Especially sun screen. Please let Melissa or Karrisa ([Karisa.garner@hotrmhmr.or](mailto:Karisa.garner@hotrmhmr.or) or [Melissa.Bledsoe@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Melissa.Bledsoe@uss.salvationarmy.org) ) know. Can also do fund raisers for your birthday on Facebook. Karissa’s goal was $200 and she raised $750 – WOW!

**III. YHDP Grant-Shaun**

A. Projects have been awarded. It has been a long road but now we are about to implement grants. Congratulations to MHMR, The Cove and Family Abuse Center for being awarded these grants.

B. YHDP is one part of our plan to end homelessness. There are other plans other organizations are working on.

**IV. Updates from Providers**

A. PATH-Back in office, still limiting contact with clients. Doing a lot of case management over the phone.

B. Waco ISD Homeless Liaison-All school registration is completely online. Expect announcement in the next few weeks concerning what school looks like. Call office phone number to get Kathy’s google phone number. In office July 22.

C. Salvation Army-Shelter and services are still operating. Taken on two additional grants to deal with COVID. With hire two new workers to staff these grants. Have seen an increase in numbers at shelter. We supply face masks and do temperature checks. Still providing meals but clients are not allowed into the building.

D. Star Plus Program????-No community contacts but are accepting phone calls.

E. Endeavors-Working remotely, has not set date to return to office. No direct client contact. In the process of hiring a new case manager to help out in Waco and Killeen office.

F. The Cove-Have moved into the new space on Waco Dr. Great space-lots of room to grow. Have had some students come in. Following social distancing and temperature checks.

G. Family Abuse Center-Shelter is open, following social distancing. Clients and staff wearing masks and taking temps. Housing program is moving clients.

H. HOT Goodwill-Job connections are open. Prefer that people call and make appointments. Requiring people to wear masks. We have virtual services. Go to virtual hot.goodwill.org and click on virtual services.

**IV. Additional**

A. Need masks? See Shaun, we have 300 donated.

B. Two new members from MHMR, Kelsey Davis from PATH and Sabrina Smallwood is a new Housing Navigator – WELCOME!

**V. Adjournment**

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