

CHHS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2025

Roll Call: (4:01 PM)

Board Attendance	Jan 8	Feb 5	Mar 5	Apr 2	May 7	Jun 4	Jul 2	Aug 6	Sep 3	Oct 1	Nov 5	Dec 3
Hollis Stahl	x	x										
Barb Lee	x											
Caroline Yu	x	x										
Christabel Agyei												
David Edwards (Co-Vice Chair)	x	x										
Eric Robison	x	x										
Flor Casteneda	x	x										
George Dahl (County, non-voting)	x	X*										
Gloria Manz (CoC, non-voting)		X*										
James Randall	x	x										
Karen Ssebanakitta (Chair)	x	x										
Leslie Hope (Co-Vice Chair)	x	x										
Lili Navarrete (City Council, non-voting)	x	x										
Paul Dillon (City Council, non-voting)												
Wes Anderson (Veterans)	x	x										
VACANT (Community Assembly)												

*Chris McKinney attended on behalf of George Dahl and Eric Robison attended on behalf of Gloria Manz

City of Spokane Staff: Arielle Anderson, Andres, Nicolette Ocheltree, Kimberly Babb, Keri Cederquist, Amanda Martinez, Heather Page, Aziz Rahmaty, Paradis Pourzanjani

Community members: Ami Manning, Christina Kamkosi Chery, Barry Barfield, Cory Bonollo, Elaine Mansoor

February 2025 agenda reviewed and adopted:

Hollis Staal moved; Wes Anderson seconded - passed unanimously.

January 2025 minutes reviewed and passed:

Hollis Staal moved; Wes Anderson seconded - passed unanimously.

Board Education

- Nicolette Ocheltree provided a presentation and updates on the City Council Homeless Roundtable series and potential changes coming from Spokane City Council.

Committee Nominations (J Randall & D Edwards)

- Chris Neely resigned from the Human Services committee and will be replaced by Hollis Staal. James Randall moved, Leslie Hope seconded – passed unanimously.

- Add Pavel from Spokane County to the Affordable Housing Committee. Executive committee has discussed updating bylaws to allow non-voting members from other government agencies (would not perform scoring or funding recommendations to CHHS Board and City Council).
- Motion to add Spokane County Human Services employee to the Affordable Housing Committee – Pavel (David Edwards made, Hollis Staal seconded) – passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Non-voting Committee Members (D Edwards)

- Members from City Council and Spokane County government agency are non-voting members. This rule would continue for committees.
- CHHS Board to revisit bylaw updates in 2026.
- Guidance for committees and board until bylaws updated.
- Ensuring no one agency has too much influence over funding decisions; promoting transparency and avoiding perceptions of unfairness.
- CHHS staff conducts staff threshold review but not scoring.
- Protecting government agency staff from potential retaliation from elected officials.

City Council Representatives on CHHS Board

Will be discussed at the 2/10/25 Urban Experience meeting.

CHHS Board/Committee Survey (K Ssebanakitta)

- Chair reviewed preliminary survey results and urged members to complete the survey to improve the CHHS Board experience and representation of board members.
- Discussed extended meeting on May 7th – prefer morning meeting.

Retreat Planning (K Ssebanakitta)

- Executive Committee will work on retreat planning.
- Retreat planned for 5/7/25 from 8:30 am – 1 pm.

CHHS Director's Report

- Q&A from latest CHHS Newsletter
 - Additional information on Point in Time Count and upcoming Housing Inventory Count.
- ALICE training planning currently underway.

Upcoming Contract Performance Reviews/Potential Reallocations Process

- Heather Page provided an update on neighborhood allocation.
- Upcoming RFPs & status of RFP recommendations made.

Department Updates

- CHHS Director provided an update on the hiring process.
- CHHS Director shared the community can expect a 15% reduction in Department of Commerce funding (most of these funds were one-time funds due to COVID).

Committee & Partner Updates

Affordable Housing Committee (D Edwards)

- Reviewing applications and will make recommendations to board. Vacancy on affordable housing committee for voting member due to resignation.

Human Services Committee (J Randall)

- Currently processing 26 applications.

City Council (CM Navarrete)

- Andres gave an update on the recently passed city council ordinance requiring a dose of naloxone free if selling paraphernalia and alcohol impact area.

Spokane County (G Dahl)

- HCDA has received applications and is reviewing them (will be done by 2/12).

Continuum of Care (E Robison)

- 5-year plan feedback due soon.

Regional Homeless Collaborative (L Hope)

- End of PIT, lots of ongoing planning. Kristin Jewel gave an overview of the 2024-2029 plan. Region working together on planning. SRHD presented on dashboard. Discussion on interlocal agreements on homelessness response in the region.

Veterans (W Anderson)

- Removed questions from PIT – are you disabled and are you receiving services from VA. Would like specific vet-related service questions included. Invited to participate in the PIT planning committee next year.
- Did not receive a response to request for PIT questions.

Closing Announcements

- Announcements & information sharing from the floor.
- Next meeting (remote Chair): **3/5/2025**.

Adjourn 5:57 PM