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Boise/Ada County Homeless Coalition  
**Minutes, January 11, 2023**

The meeting was conducted by Pete Schroeder, President

Also in attendance: Members: Corpus Christi House, Don Ruffing; ID State Independent Living Council, Mel Leviton; LEAP HOUSING, Cay Marquart; Jesse Tree, Linda Beebe; Howard Belodoff; Denise Caruzzi, Past President; Carol Craighill; Dani Drake; Miranda Ellis; Lila Fetherolf; Karen Folk; Jim Grunow; Martin Hendrickson; Neysa Jensen; Mary Nagel; Yogi Pullman; Peg Richards; Pam Roemer; TJ Wilson. Guests also attending: Eli Griffin, Our Path Home & City of Boise; Erik Kingston, Idaho Housing and Finance Assn.

Meeting began with introductions.

**Review of Minutes** December 14, 2022, Presented by Mary N., Second: Denise C.  
Approved unanimously

**Review of Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Carol C. who reported a balance of \$3,519.61. Motion to approve: Don R., Second: Denise C. Approved unanimously

There was a motion that Neysa and Carol should be signers on our checking account.  
Approved unanimously

Pete encouraged the various agencies to post their information on our website and opened the round table discussion.

**Agency and Committee Updates:**

Miranda Ellis, **St. Als**--she once again stated that one of the biggest problems is that many of the homeless population are most often released from the hospital without any kind of help or support. There is a resource person in the hospital who is not often there.

Don R., **Corpus Christi**, asked for a link from hospitals to Corpus Christi, so they could provide more help to the population who comes there from the hospital--either possibly taking them to Terry Riley, New Path, or Interfaith.

Lila F. suggested that hospitals implement a form which they could give to patients to bring to the shelters with their information. Karen said that people are often dropped off at Interfaith with no information about them.

Don R. said that this has been an ongoing project which needs to be addressed and that the hospitals and agencies are trying to address this.

Eli G., **Our Path Home**, reported that they are seeing a lot more medically fragile people. She also reported that the PIT count will be on Jan. 26 & 27 and that volunteers are needed.

Don R., **Corpus Christi**, reported that they received over \$150,000 in donations from Avenues for Hope. They have had tremendous amounts of donations, but they still need more gloves. Unfortunately, they are having more problems with guests who have one or more of: meth addictions, mental health issues, or are medically fragile. Too many staff members are getting sick and are overworked. More volunteers are needed. The trend is not good.

Lila F. suggested that it would be very valuable to have a mental health care resource person.

Denise C. brought up the idea of having staff and volunteers be trained in CPR and other life saving measures. Don R. says they're working on that.

Karen and Dani, **Interfaith**, brought up several issues--one of them being that a security person is needed. T.J. Wilson (PHD3) worked with the health department and suggested that they contact the Regional Health Care Coalition to help with some of the issues which Karen mentioned.

Martin H., **Idaho Legal Aid**, reported that the case involving the demonstration at the capitol was dismissed, but they are working on the next step.

Mel Leviton, **SILC**, are conducting state-wide surveys dealing mostly with lack of housing and Medicaid. He reported that we lost many Medicaid beds and we have a massive shortage of staff who help people to stay in their homes--due mostly to very low pay. The agency also gives out a lot of free COVID tests.

Linda Beebe, **Jesse Tree**, reported that they are losing COVID funding, so they have to cut programs. The Tenant Resource Center is now focusing on people who are in the judicial system who are in danger of being evicted from their homes.

Eric K., **IHFA**, reported that all funding for rental assistance is gone; however, the Boise/Ada County Housing Authority still helps with rental assistance.

Lila, **Education & Advocacy Committee**, reported that the Ada County Commissioners approved money for Interfaith to house guests in motels.

Peg R., **IFHC**, is encouraging us to attend the Advocacy Day at the state capitol on Jan. 31st.

Denise C. will be monitoring legislative session. Vivian Parrish is monitoring the Ada County Commissioners' meetings. We still need someone to monitor the City Council.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10. The next general meeting will be February 8, 2023 at 1:30.

Notes taken by Cay Marquart

Acting Secretary: Carol Craighill