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Boise/Ada County Homeless Coalition  
**Minutes, October 12, 2022**

The meeting was conducted by Denise Caruzzi, President

Also in attendance: Members: Boise Salvation Army Corps, Kira Hurt; Howard Belodoff; Cathedral of the Rockies, Pete Schroeder; Carol Craighill, Secretary; Corpus Christi House, Don Ruffing; Miranda Ellis; Lila Fetherolf; Good Samaritan Home, Danielle Sanders; Gary Hanes; Martin Hendrickson; Interfaith Sanctuary, Jodi Peterson; Jesse Tree, Cassandra Artukovich; LEAP HOUSING, Cay Marquart; Mary Nagel, Vice-President; Kelli Parker; Vivian Parrish; Peg Richards; Pam Roemer. Guests: Margaret Carmel; Eli Griffin; Eric Kingston; Casey McGee; Julia Oxarango; Wayne Rancourt. Presenters: Emilia Dimitriu, Jodi Peterson; Jean Lockhart; Leslie Cohen;

**Review of Minutes** of Sept. 14, 2022, Motion to approve as submitted; Kelli P., Second: Lila F.  
Approved unanimously

**Review of Treasurer's Report:** Sept. 14, 2022, Presented by Carol Craighill who reported a balance of \$3,238.54. Motion to approve; Cay M.; Second; Gary H. Approved

**Committee Reports:**

**Education and Advocacy Committee:** Lila F. reported that the Coalition participated with the faith leaders in Meridian participated in the housewarming behind Collister and donated cleaning supplies to the residents met with Congressional representatives to discuss housing issues held voter registration events with coalition partners are discussing a future event of an enhanced version of walk-a-mile and need volunteers

**Upcoming Events:**

Design review for Interfaith Sanctuary at City Hall tonight

**Website Committee**

Announced the launch of the new and improved website: [homelesscoalitionboise.com](http://homelesscoalitionboise.com)

**Presentations/Speakers on Increased Aging and Medically Vulnerable in our Community:**

All speakers addressed the growing population of aging and medically vulnerable who need medical care and a safe place to go.

Leslie Cohen—St. Alphonsus: The biggest component is patient choice. They can leave the hospital and not have a safe place to go. If they don't have a safe place, they should stay at the hospital until a placement can be found. This process can take a while, especially if there isn't available funding from the patient.

Emilia Dimitriu—St Luke's Director of Case Management & Social/Behavioral Health

Department: The case managers are experienced nurses, and one of their biggest challenges is finding Medicaid beds in various facilities.

Jodi Person/Stigers—Interfaith Sanctuary: There is an extreme need for beds. Many of their guests have been evicted from their homes. Jodi works very closely with both hospitals and moves as many guests as possible to hotel rooms. Interfaith is hoping to make the hotel rooms only available to fragile patients and move the guests from the hotel back to the shelter. This will only take place if funding from ARPA comes through in December. If it doesn't, 100 beds will be lost. Interfaith has guests with a high level of need. They are short of volunteers. People who would like to volunteer should reach out to Jodi. Coordinated Entry is still functioning, but rapid rehousing due to lack of space and bed inventory is a huge problem.

Jean Lockhart—Boise Rescue Mission: The Recovery Lodge in Nampa is for the medically fragile individuals from the shelters, but is not a medical facility. It is very difficult for them to get any services they might need. The Rescue Mission has bought three assisted living facilities and is starting a shelter for pregnant women. More emergency assisted living facilities are needed.

#### Impact of COVID:

We have people being forced out of their homes due to the economy and the price of rentals.

Many more aging adults have medical issues that contribute to the problem.

COVID money had a huge impact on these problems by helping to fund hotel/motel rooms for people who needed better care, but that funding will soon be gone.

We are experiencing the loss of many health care workers and an extremely low supply of assisted living facilities.

Donald R. (Corpus Christi) expressed his frustration about not being able to get help for the medically fragile. He doesn't have anyone to call; he just has to make sure the client has a phone and teaches them to call 911 if they have an emergency. Jodi has offered to make calls for ones who come from Corpus to Interfaith, and both Leslie and Emilia offered to give contact numbers to Don.

#### Public Health Call:

A group that includes Terry Reilly, Hospitals, District Health, etc. need to work together for a solution focusing on senior care and to coordinate resources—including Bluebird and Cascadia in the discussion.

Denise offered to deliver our resource/information handouts to the hospitals, so they can distribute them to those in need.

#### Eli Griffin:

We still don't know where the warming center will be since the present warming center will no longer be available.

#### Agency Updates:

**Idaho Policy Institute**, Venessa Fry informed us of a City Club forum on Nov. 9.

Forum: Housing for Wellbeing and Economic Prosperity

Nov 09, 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM MST

Boise, 610 Julia Davis Dr.--Sponsored by LEAP Housing

**Jannus**, Kelli Parker helps people get back to financial responsibility.

**Corpus Christi**, Don Ruffing reported that they are serving many more homeless people. They need volunteers and winter clothing. They are enclosing the patio to provide more room in the winter.

**Good Samaritan Home**, Danielle Sanders reported that they are celebrating their 80th year birthday. They are in need of volunteers. She is asking agencies to provide paperwork for people who would like to get on the waiting list.

**Salvation Army**, Kira Hurt is asking us to refer to their calendar for upcoming events and opportunities.

**Idaho Legal Aid**, Martin Hendrickson & Howard Belodoff are in the process of investigating the protest which took place on the Capitol Annex property where many of the protester's property were possibly illegally removed. They are also looking in to Interfaith's Ammonia leak.

**Idaho Housing and Finance Association**, Erik Kingston said that there will be a conference on NIMBY (Treasure Valley Housing Round Table) on Oct. 19.

**LEAP Housing**, Cay Marquart says LEAP is asking for donations for improvements (such as landscaping) on the affordable housing project behind the Collister Methodist Church. The Taft neighborhood will match up to \$20,000 of the community's donation.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 by Denise Caruzzi. The next general meeting will be November 9, 2022 at 1:30.

Notes taken by Kelli Parker & Cay Marquart

Secretary: Carol Craighill