

**Homeless Leadership Coalition, General Membership Meeting**  
**Hosted by La Pine Community Health Center, La Pine, Oregon**  
**8/2/2019**

Convened at 8:04am by Co-chair James Cook

*Daniel Richer, Mayor of La Pine delivered Welcome remarks*

*Thrive Central Oregon, Britta P*

- This organization has been serving the community for about 3+years
- Service Hours available at <https://www.thrivecentraloregon.org/where-to-find-us>
- Discussed experience with community members and their difficulty finding and maintaining housing. Cost of rooms for rent has doubled or more in the 3 years serving.

*Serena & Jamie, Outreach Workers with La Pine Community Health Center*

The health center serves La Pine, Christmas Valley & Gilcrest. More info at <https://www.lapinehealth.org/>

Outreach and behavioral health tem members support community members. Continue to see the impact of mental health needs limiting stability of patients. South County Services building has put a Deschutes County counselor there which is helpful, but great need than resource available. Complimented Sean Reed, Law Enforcement Officer with the U.S. Forest Service as a supporter of outreach and connection with community resources for those he encounters living on forest lands.

*Chad Carpenter, Emergency Warming Center*

- Open 57 nights, approx.  
40 nights were consecutive because Feb/March was very cold. (raised temp threshold for opening in winter 2019)
- 1,042 meals served
- 1,729 vol hours = about \$45,000 in donated time.

Barriers of communication and transportation with the population experiencing homelessness. Finding overnight monitors for consecutive nights is difficult. This winter striving to learn how to be open more consecutive nights. Community is very supportive of the work.

*Jamie, Senior Center*

- Discussed observation of issues seen in the population served. Specifically see barriers with transportation to meet medical needs. The Medicare population specifically limited by transportation and these are needs that cannot be met by La Pine CHC.
- Annual Resource Fair offered. Would like to add to resources to support community members.

*Agency Updates*

- FAN Advocates return the last week of Aug.

- A youth shelter is in development in partnership with Cascade Youth and Family Services for Redmond youth.
- Heart of Oregon Corps, building affordable home 3br/2bath in Prineville for sale, selling it for \$165,000, lottery system selection. More info @ <https://heartoforegon.org/news-events/prineville-home.html>