

## Meeting to discuss 5-year plan for PHSS

October 7, 2019

2 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, JP Anderson, Meja Handlen, John Abplanalp, Erik Martin (2:25 p.m.)

Guest: Dr. Lindsey Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

JP Anderson gave an overview of the work on the Lewis County Five-Year Housing and Homeless Strategic Plan, including the anticipated timeline for the implementation of the plan.

Meja Handlen and John Abplanalp outlined the objectives of the proposed five-year plan for Public Health and Social Services. She also outlined the measures of success.

Objectives:

- Quickly identify and engage people experiencing homelessness.
- Prioritize housing for people with the greatest need.
- Operate an effective and efficient homeless crisis response system that swiftly moves people into stable, permanent housing.
- Project the impact of the fully-implemented local plan on the number of households housed and the number of households left unsheltered.
- Address racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness.

Erik Martin joined at 2:25 p.m.

The group discussed the county's partnerships with United Way.

The group discussed the power of social media to help spread the word about the goals, etc. The group also discussed recidivism rates.

Meja said the comments from the public have been similar to:

- You're just helping people who won't help themselves.
- We don't want Lewis County to be repeat of the "Seattle is Dying" documentary.

The group discussed measurable for "exits."

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.