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BHA HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

THE HOUSING HYBRID COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BREMERTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (BHA) HELD 4:00 PM REMOTELY ON JANUARY 22, 2026.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Subchair Diane West
Commissioner Victoria Hilt

Vice Chair Jeff Flood

Excused:

Commissioner Joan Hanten

BHA Staff Present:

Jill Stanton	Executive Director
Wendy Westby	HCV Program & Housing Projects Director
Anne Conte	Housing Director
Tim Schanne	Business Solutions Director
Paula Kennedy	HR Director
Lorna Camacho	Chief of Staff/Minute Taker

3. **SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS:** Sub-Chair West welcomed members to the first meeting of the new year and expressed confidence in a productive and successful year ahead.

4. **HOUSING REPORTING:** Comments by Ms. Conte.

4.1 Pendleton Place Update

Data results from Pendleton Place were reviewed, covering the period from the opening of the program through the summer of 2025. Pendleton Place is owned by Kitsap Mental Health Services, with BHA providing property management services. Pendleton Place has a total of 72 units. The partnership was noted as collaborative and effective. It was reported that 61 residents completed Releases of Information (ROI), allowing data collection from St. Michael Medical Center.

Emergency room utilization data were reviewed, comparing the five years prior to residents moving in with the period after move-in. In the five years prior to housing, there were 51 emergency room visits, with residents spending a total of 767 days in the hospital. Post move-in, emergency room visits decreased to 41, and total hospital days were significantly reduced to 219. While the number of visits declined modestly, the reduction in total hospital days was noted as a dramatic improvement, indicating shorter hospital stays and improved outcomes following housing placement.

Hospital utilization data from St. Michael Medical Center were reviewed. The number of individuals admitted to the hospital showed little overall change; however, there was a 12% reduction in the number of individuals being admitted. Data indicated a 20% reduction in emergency room visits and a substantial 72% reduction in total days spent in the emergency room. While there was a 2% increase in the total number of hospital visits, there was a 29% reduction in the total number of days of hospital admission, indicating shorter lengths of stay despite similar admission rates.

Arrest history data were collected for 55 residents. Of those, 51% had no history of arrest, while 49% had at least one arrest. Prior to being housed, 27 individuals were arrested, compared to 98 instances where individuals were not arrested. After housing placement, only three individuals were arrested, while seven individuals were not arrested. The comparison of pre- and post-housing data showed a significant reduction in arrests following housing placement.

Key arrest data were summarized, noting that more than half of the sample had never been arrested. Following housing placement, there was an 89% reduction in the number of individuals being arrested and a 95% reduction in the total number of arrests, demonstrating a significant decrease in criminal justice involvement after housing.

Key takeaways from the data indicate that residents are more likely to access primary care services and less likely to rely on emergency services after being housed. Residents are also less likely to be arrested compared to when they were unhoused, and those who are arrested experience a lower frequency of arrests. Overall, housing was associated with increased access to primary care and improved stability across health and public safety outcomes.

The Sub-Chair expressed that the data were both exciting and powerful. Ms. Conte noting that the data clearly demonstrates the positive impact housing has on individuals, as presented. It was suggested that this information would be valuable to present to the City Council, particularly to illustrate how residents spend less time in jail and fewer days unhoused. Commissioner Hilt commended the effort, stating that the data compiled and presented were amazing and impactful.

5. FUTURE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next Housing Committee Meeting - Thursday, April 23, 2026.

6. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.



Executive Secretary



Chairperson of the Board

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