

SALT LAKE COUNTY  
**Council of Governments (COG)**

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**Thursday, 20 August 2020, Noon**

**WebEx – Electronic Meeting**

**Notes**

**12:00 Public Meeting Begins**

<b>1. Welcome</b>	<b>Chair D. Ramsey</b>	<b>10 min</b>
<b>2. Previous minutes approval</b>	<b>Chair D. Ramsey</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>3. COG TRCC Board Appointment</b>	<b>Brad Kendrick</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>4. Emergency Response Plans for Homelessness</b>	<b>Jean Hill Rob Wesemann</b>	<b>25 min</b>
<b>5. Census Discussion</b>	<b>Marti Woolford</b>	<b>25 min</b>
<b>6. Wasatch Front Regional Council Funding Programs</b>	<b>WFRC Staff</b>	<b>15 min</b>
<b>7. Close Meeting</b>	<b>Chair D. Ramsey</b>	<b>5 min</b>

**Council Members Present: Ann Granato (SL County Council), Andrew Johnston (Salt Lake City Council), Mayor Dirk Burton (West Jordan), Mayor Mike Peterson (Cottonwood Heights), Mayor Robert Hale (Midvale), Clint Smith (Herriman City Council), Kris Nicholl (Sandy City Council), Mayor Harris Sondak (Alta), Mayor Kristie Overson (Taylorsville), Mayor Blair Camp (Murray), Mayor Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek), Mayor Joseph Smolka (Emigration), Mayor Robert Dahle (Holladay), Mayor Derk Timothy (Bluffdale), Mayor Dan Peay (Magna), Mayor Paulina Flint (White City)**

1. Mayor Silvestrini hosting due to the Chair and Vice Chair being unavailable.
2. Last meeting did not constitute a quorum so no official notes. No business would have been official.
3. Vacancy needs to be filled to advise of TRCC fund (tourism, car rental, etc. taxes). 4 year term.

Possibility of serving two terms. Quorum has been reached so we can vote. Mayor Dahle has volunteered for this position. Ann Granato nominates. Seconded by Mayor Timothy. Passed.

4. Brief overview of what the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness does normally as well as changes/difficulties due to COVID. Starting early with homelessness winter overflow plans due to difficult time last year. Also, a State statute required winter overflow plans. Hotel plan is very expensive and not great for women. However, with COVID it may be the best option this year. Availability of drugs and bad access to food. Temporary rental of other facilities is another option (generally 7 pm to 7 am). Additional housing resources are normally part of the plan but the rate of evictions and unemployment is complicating that. Other options not being used as they are not best practices or are too expensive.

5. Presentation on Census progress. Some highlights:

Knocking for non-responders began last week and will go through 20 September. Group home data being gathered electronically due to COVID to protect vulnerable – almost complete. Low in-person participation. Count of the homeless sleeping rough will be September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

SLCo 71% participation, State of Utah 68% participation.

Outreach being done through swag, postcards, banners.

Contact Marti Woolford ([mwoolford@slco.org](mailto:mwoolford@slco.org)) if you have questions.

**6.** Overview presentation of WFRC projects and funding. Showed some examples of completed projects. Air quality, roads/transportation etc. Showed the schedule for projects and gave contact information for different types of projects.

### **Public Comment**

**George Chapman:** Disappointed in homeless response. There is a lot of camping out currently with no services. Land owners are still trying to push the homeless out from Rio Grande area. That's where the best services are. Why can't we have safe parking and camping areas there? NAMI should consider using the government land in that area. Easier to police one area than the whole County.

**Andrew Johnston:** Meant to comment after winter overflow presentation but will now. Last winter there was a need for an indoor overflow. Transportation took overflow patrons (after services closed) from downtown area to that temporary building. No building has been identified at this point but we need to do something similar this year.

Clint Smith moved to close. Seconded by Andrew Johnston. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting 19 November 2020.