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## Community Advisory Committee
## Meeting March 19, 2026
## 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join ZOOM Meeting
Webinar ID: 894 6003 1023
Passcode: 714788
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**AGENDA**

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| **1.** | Call to Order - Introductions<br>Charmaine Scott, Chair | 5:00 – 5:05 |
| **2.** | Review & Approval of February 19, 2026 Minutes* Full Committee (Attachment 1) | 5:05 – 5:10 |
| **3.** | Additions/Changes to the Agenda | 5:10 – 5:15 |
| **4.** | Christine Surrette, Epidemiologist | 5:15 – 5:45 |
| **5.** | SWOT for Retreat (review) | 5:45 – 6:05 |
| **6.** | Retreat Updates | 6:05 – 6:10 |
| **7.** | Strategic Planning Updates | 6:10 – 6:15 |
| **8.** | Committee Member Check in<br>(updates on community resources attended by the committee ongoing) | 6:15 – 6:45 |
| **9.** | Community Input | |
| **10.** | Adjourn | |

*** Action Item**

# MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND THERAPEUTIC COURT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING MINUTES

**February 19, 2026**

Charmaine Scott, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Introductions were conducted via Zoom.

## APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2025, AND JANUARY 15, 2026, MINUTES

**ACTION:** Helen Havens moved to approve the October 16, 2025; meeting minutes as presented. Derick Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Tim Garrity moved to approve the January 15, 2026; meeting minutes as presented. Helen Havens seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None.

## KITSAP COUNTY HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS – HEART OUTREACH PRESENTATION

Housing and Homelessness Program Manager Carl Borg introduced himself and explained the criteria for when Kitsap County Severe Weather Shelters are open. The criteria included:

- Temperatures below 32 degrees for four or more hours.
- If snow accumulation is expected to exceed one inch or more for more than two days.
- If there are two or more successive days of one inch or more of rain.
- If 1.5 inches or more of rainfall is anticipated on a single day.
- Shelters may also activate when high wind warnings are issued.

Encampment Response Coordinator Derrick Means introduced himself and provided an overview of the Homeless Encampment Action, Response, and Transitions (HEART) program and their 2025 accomplishments. Highlights included:

- The HEART model provides a consistent and compassionate response to the often-complex dynamics of street-level homelessness. A coordinated approach to community care consists of immediate field evaluation, direct engagement and discovery, and strategic coordination.
- In 2025, HEART investigated, reached out, and completed 436 encampment reports submitted by residents via the SeeClickFix community reporting tool. Across all communications, HEART responded to approximately 750 location reports and thousands of proactive site searches and follow-ups.
- 2025 Kitsap County Public Works – Clean Kitsap Program completed 66 cleanup tasks related to encampments over approximately 150 labor hours, along with 12,580 pounds of abandoned camp related debris cleanup.
- 2025 Kitsap County Parks – 503 total estimated hours of cleanup at the South Kitsap Regional Park, Old Mill Park, Erlands Point Reserve, and the Illahee Nature Preserve.

Derrick expressed excitement going into 2026 as they see new pathways opening, from the Pacific Building shelter on Mile Hill Road in Port Orchard, to the strengthening of local partnerships throughout the county.

**FOCUS GROUPS DISCUSSION**

Tabled discussion for upcoming retreat in April.

**MEETING FOR APPLICATION REVIEW**

Hannah provided an overview regarding the application review and scoring sheet process along with changes coming to the scoring sheet in early 2027. Highlights included:

- Understanding that with an updated strategic plan, the need to rewrite the application and scoring sheet so it focuses on the priorities of the new plan will need to be done in early 2027, possibly at next year's retreat.
- This year some changes with the scoring sheet can be made but with limitations. Hannah explained what could be changed.

Hannah offered additional support for reviewing/scoring applications to include making hard copies available for pick up on July 2, 2026.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS AND UPDATES**

Charmaine asked the board for volunteers to be on the membership committee. Rick Becker and Bruce Sturdevant volunteered.

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES**

The first strategic plan meeting will take place in April, invitations have been sent out, and Hannah has been working with Christine to create two surveys. They hope to have both solidified by March. Christine is working on pulling all credible local data for April's first Strategic Planning meeting. She is waiting for the Housing and Homelessness Point-in-Time and Children and Youth Survey to complete her report.

**RETREAT UPDATES**

The retreat committee will meet to finalize details of the agenda. Retreat is April 4th at the Bremerton Fairgrounds.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER CHECK IN**

- Charmaine attended a Bremerton City Council seminar last week; there are a lot of bills halfway through the session. Senators will be conducting town halls in the coming weeks leading up to the end of session.
- Helen met with Anna Mockler who represents Bremerton City Council District 6 about housing concerns related to the loss of funding that has impacted the daytime operating

hours at the Salvation Army in Bremerton.

- Tim urged members to review House Bill 2489, known as the Shelters, Not Penalties Act. This bill would provide un-funded mandates on the city and would prohibit local governments from enforcing ordinances against camping, sleeping, or other activities on public proper unless the city can prove adequate alternative shelter space is available. Tim announced that he will be retiring in May 2026 and is working on a successor to replace him on the board.

**COMMUNITY INPUT**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Community Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Attachment 1

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

| MEMBERS | GUESTS |
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| Charmaine Scott | |
| Helen Havens | |
| Tatiana Leone | |
| Tim Garrity | |
| Derick Bailey | |
| Bruce Sturdevant | |
| Tyler McKlosky (Excused) | |
| Cynthia Griggins (Excused) | |
| Charlotte McMillan (Excused) | |
| Rick Becker | |
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| **STAFF** | |
| Hannah Shockley | |
| Sonya Miles | |
| Carl Borg | |
| Justin Wing | |
| Derrick Means | |