

UINTAH BASIN LOCAL HOMELESS COUNCIL

UNIQUE ISSUES, LOCAL GOALS/AREAS OF FOCUS

Chair: JR Bird

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Chair Designee: Kim Dieter



The Uintah Basin LHC was established in 2008 but did not become really active until 2010. The LHC struggled with knowing the exact purpose and with getting community support. With the support of the State Homeless Office and better direction given our LHC has continued to grow and become stronger over the years. The LHC now has over 40 members involved but still struggle at times to get all members to participate. The LHC continues to work on ensuring all community partners are invited and working together to address homelessness throughout Uintah, Duchesne, and Daggett Counties.

UNIQUE ISSUES

- The LHC does not have a formal emergency shelter in the area.
 - Instead the community utilizes motel vouchers to provide shelter
- The local housing authorities and school districts are not engaged in our LHC
- No permanent supportive housing options outside of the limited beds through Northeastern Counseling that are always full

LOCAL GOALS AND AREAS OF FOCUS

- Increase community awareness on the issues we are facing in our community and what resources we have in place to assist
 - Increased number of landlords and motels willing to work with our programs.
- Increase funding for our motel voucher emergency shelter program
 - Obtained additional funding from the state and county and looking forward to obtaining more through the next funding cycle
- Increase permanent supportive housing and transitional housing
 - The Thompsen House of Hope opened their new Transitional Housing units and FAFV has started construction on their new units

COC ALIGNMENT/INVOLVEMENT

The Community Services Director with UBAOG serves as our LHC Chair Designee, is a current BOS Board Member, and served on the BOS Board Executive Committee for 5 years. She is now the head of the BOS Point-in-Time Count Committee and serves on the Utah Homeless Network.

BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE