



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

>>> The Beaverton Building at “The Beaverton Round”, Third Floor Training Room <<<
12725 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton, OR 97005-1641

AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. GUEST SPEAKERS: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Esther Nelson, Safety Compass & Allie Martin, Washington County Task Force Human Trafficking in Washington County
 - Pat Rogers, Community Action
2019 Point-In-Time Homeless Count – January 23, 2019
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:15 a.m.** Action Item
- IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:20 a.m.**
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - Children (Homeless Education Network)
 - Youth
 - Homelessness
 - Permanent Housing
 - Developmental Disability (DD) Dialogue
 - Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee
 - Veterans
 - Seniors
 - “Community Connect” Oversight Committee
 - HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup [the CoC Board]
 - Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC)
- V. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:20 a.m.**
 - Bi-annual updates to *A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*
https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/upload/2018-19-Annual-Work-Plan_A-Road-Home.pdf
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Guest Speaker(s): Marisa Zapata and Greg Townley, Portland State University
“Homeless Research and Action Collaborative”

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join. Comments regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans, Homeless Program Manager, at 503-846-4760.



HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
December 5, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

Goal: Housing and supportive service agencies working to bring a broad spectrum of organizations together as partners in the community to secure funding and other resources needed in providing a continuum of care for individuals and families who are homeless or with special needs.

ATTENDEES:

Allen, William—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Altamirano, Daniel—FG TES
Auslander, Jay—Washington County Mental Health
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program
Carlsen, Kurt—WorkSource Oregon
Cartmill, Andy—WashCo Health & Human Services
Chichester, Lezlie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Clemmons, Greg—St. Vincent De Paul
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro
Coppiano, Zoila—Community Action Organization
Deppa, Emma—City of Beaverton
Deters, Melia—Community Action Organization
Donner, Crystal—Community Action Organization
Downen, Lindsay—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services
Fellger, Vara—Washington County Housing Services
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization
Gibb, Courtney—Hillsboro School District
Goulding, Celeste—Old Town Church Forest Grove
Guptill, Jolene—Family Promise of Beaverton
Gustafson, Hanna—Cascade AIDS Project
Herron, Carol—Just Compassion SWS
Knutson, Jennifer—Boys & Girls Aid
Loch, Toni—Family Justice Center
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
Ludwig, Anya—Cascade AIDS Project
Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative annette_evans@co.washington.or.us
Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative kgalian@caowash.org

Markus, Michelle—Mental Health Assoc of Oregon
Matti, Vera—Lutheran Community Services
Mattia, Matt—Wash County Community Development
Meierotto, Michelle—Housecall Providers
Mojira, Emily—Boys & Girls Aid
Nash, Fletcher—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Palma, Victor—CPAH
Pearson, Juli—WashCo Health & Human Services
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Pinard, Cary—Care Oregon
Potter, Yvette—DAVS, Washington County
Proctor, Jennie—Wash County Community Development
Ram, Sarala—CODA Inc.
Rizo, Regina—VA-HUD VASH
Rogers, Nicholas—Community Action Organization/SSV
Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Schimmel, Brian—Old Town Church Forest Grove
Sell, Wendy—LifeWorks NorthWest
Sepulveda, Mary—Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center
Smith, Gary—U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries – Second Home
Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Trinh, John—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Tutor, Marianne (O’Neill)—Mental Health Assoc of Oregon
Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate
Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland
Yokoyama, Kelly—Housing Independence

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. GUEST SPEAKERS:

**Andy Cartmill and Juli Pearson, Washington County Health and Human Services
“Addiction Services and Care Coordination”**

Ms. Pearson provided an overview of the services provided by Washington County Addiction Services focusing on treatment options specifically available through Medicaid and the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). They collaborate with treatment providers, public health departments and schools to remove barriers and provide a coordinated level of care to individuals suffering from Substance Use Disorder (SUD) to reduce emergency room and repeat visits to detox. As the manager of the behavioral health benefit for OHP, they provide authorization for SUD treatment (residential and detox), advocate for individuals in

the community who are seeking services and link individuals to the level of services they need. Mr. Cartmill added, through presentations in the community, Addiction Services educate about substance abuse, suicide and mental health (perception and reality) and inform the public about SUD services and programs available in the county. Specific SUD services available in Washington County through partner agencies, whether through OHP or General Fund contracts (for uninsured) includes Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient, Residential Inpatient, Withdrawal Management (Detox), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), Peer Mentor Services, Naloxone (Narcan), Addiction Care Coordination, Prevention, and Education. Looking ahead, additional care coordinators will be added after the first of the year, the possible addition of MAT services to be added in the Criminal Justice System, the possible development of a Drop-in Center in Washington County and through a Public Health Initiative, the possible addition of a van to provide onsite services such as needle exchange and HIV testing. Additional information specific to opioids is available on the County's new website www.tricountyopioidsafety.org. Juli Pearson can be reached at (503) 846-6294 or julianne_pearson@co.washington.or.us and Andy Cartmill at (503) 846-4903 or andy_cartmill@co.washington.or.us.

Questions & Answers:

Is the County working with physicians prescribing drugs to educate and inform them?

Tri County Opioid and State of Oregon are working with doctors and dentists in the prescription drug monitoring system. High prescribers are being identified and contacted.

Matthew Mattia, Washington County Office of Community Development "Consolidated Plan"

Mr. Mattia provided a detailed description of the Community Kick Off 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan & Analysis of Impediments, an event scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2018, 9am-4pm at the City of Hillsboro Auditorium. Washington County's Consolidated Plan is a 5-year housing and community development strategic plan which includes data gathering (quantitative and qualitative) to: 1) Inform how to target federal resources in Washington County, and 2) Through community participation, collaboration and partnerships, identify and analyze impediments to fair housing choice and develop strategies to address them. The outreach required (Citizen Participation Plan) is an essential element in the development of the strategic plan and informs the development of the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan which in turn, informs the Annual Action Plans for each of the five years of the strategic plan, the results of which are reported to HUD in the Annual Performance Report (CAPER).

The kick-off event will include a panelist discussion from 9am to noon with guest speakers from Housing, Economic Development/Jobs and Homelessness sectors to provide trends and perspectives on strengths, opportunities, weaknesses and threats in each of the categories. A moderator will probe speakers with questions. The afternoon session will include small group discussions in the following categories: Housing, Facilities/Public Services/Micro-Finance, and Infrastructure/Parks. The workshops will examine existing systems for low income county residents (identify strengths, weaknesses, obstacles and potential opportunities of existing systems) and identify strategies for improvement. The Facilities/Public Services/Micro-Finance and Infrastructure/Parks sessions will include development of a non-housing survey for service providers, the results of which will be incorporated in the needs assessment. For more information contact Lauren Thomas at (503) 846-8814 or lauren_thomas@co.washington.or.us.

Questions & Answers:

Who is the initiator of this strategic plan?

It is a collaborative process lead by Washington County Community Development working with Washington County Housing Authority and the cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro.

Will there be a webpage dedicated to the consolidated plan development process?

The website is in development and should be live soon and will be used for community wide surveys that will be linked to the website. The current Consolidated Plan, Action Plans and CAPERs will also be available on the website.

Can we communicate with you directly if we can't make the event?

Feedback on the needs survey would be appreciated as well as thoughts related to strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Matt can be reached at 503-846-4436 or matthew_mattia@co.washington.or.us.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the November 7, 2018 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

John Trinh, William Allen & Lindsay Downen, Luke-Dorf, Inc.

“Transfer of Tom Brewer ownership from LifeWorks NorthWest to Luke-Dorf, Inc.”

Mr. Trinh provided background information about Luke-Dorf, Inc. who have been operating in Washington County for over forty years. They are a Health Share of Oregon participant, providing housing, clinical and supportive services. Mr. Allen reported on Horizon Property Management, administrators of the housing units owned by Luke-Dorf, Inc. and the highly skilled expertise of the agency to work with vulnerable populations. As a result of the transfer to Luke-Dorf, Inc. it was reported tenants and the property will realize an increase in housing stability of program participants and higher occupancy rates.

Ms. Downen reported Tom Brewer will operate as a Housing First within the eligibility criteria established by HUD regulations for permanent supportive housing and affirmed program participants would not be required to engage in mental health services as a requirement of housing, nor will there be any service disruptions to residents currently receiving services. She noted units at Tom Brewer were available for couples, which was new to Luke-Dorf, Inc. and in high-need across the continuum. The preparation for the transition will include a meet-and-greet onsite with Tom Brewer participants and LifeWorks staff to answer questions and provide re-assurance. Pre-announcements prior to the January 1 transition are planned as well.

Questions and Answers:

Are residents required to have services?

Residents are required to have a diagnosis, but are not required to be engaged in treatment services outside of case management.

For mental health, does it have to be severe and persistent?

They are in the process of evaluating the HUD definition. It has become clear HUD has broadened their definitions for mental illness in terms of authorization and approval.

Are potential residents still required to go through Community Connect?

They are required to go through a Community Connect assessment and Luke-Dorf will also pull from the Section 8 waitlist. Annette clarified all McKinney Vento projects are required to have a Community Connect assessment to determine if the individual needs permanent supportive housing. One of the subsidy components is the project-based Section 8 rent subsidy. The current program eligibility 10.10 reads that they are referred to LifeWorks but

also advised they can apply for the Section 8 subsidy. Everyone who goes through a Community Connect assessment should also be getting a 10.10 that lists all of the open properties at Washington County with project-based Section 8 vouchers.

What is the current occupancy rate?

The current occupancy rate is between 65%-70%.

Are you able to take individuals with SSI (Medicare)?

Yes. That is one of the benefits of working through the HUD definition. Specifically as it effects individuals who are Medicare eligible, but are overfunded for Medicaid.

Motion: Endorse the transfer of the McKinney-Vento funded Tom Brewer project to Luke-Dorf, Inc.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Amendment to Community Connect Policy.

Annette reported the Community Connect Oversight Committee has determined the Homeless Verification and Self-Declaration form (Appendix 10.6), which was originally put into the Community Connect Policy in 2014 as part of the homeless verification and documentation process, did not serve its original purpose and recommended it be removed. Third party verification (on agency letterhead) to verify homelessness was still required. The Oversight Committee recommended the Community Connect assessment from HMIS be printed to confirm having gone through the coordinated entry system and Appendix 10.6 be replaced with the Consent to Release of Information (ROI) form which was previously adopted but never included in the policy.

Questions and Answers:

Would the Severe Weather Shelter entry form serve as confirmation of going through the Community Connect system?

The entry form is not a Community Connect assessment so couldn't be used to confirm having gone through Community Connect system but could serve as homeless verification.

Motion: Approve the amendment of the Community Connect policy as recommended by the Community Connect Oversight Committee.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Matt Mattia

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

HSSN Governance – Election of HSSN Workgroup (CoC Board) positions.

Board Positions (HSSN Workgroup)	Slate of Nominees
Chronic Homeless Population (Term ends 6/2019)	Lindsay Downen, Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Community Correction/Jail (Term ends 6/2019)	Commander John Koch, Washington County Sheriff's Office/Jail
HIV/AIDS (Term ends 6/2021)	Hanna Gustafson, Cascade AIDS Project

Motion: Approve the slate of nominations as presented.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Matt Mattia

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jennie Proctor announced Washington County's Office of Community Development will be using the Anti-poverty Work Group to assist in their "Public Services Re-visioning" process, looking at the role of public services in anti-poverty efforts with particular emphasis on the Community Development Block Grant public services category. She solicited involvement in the workgroup and provided a schedule of meetings through August of 2019. The first meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2-4pm at the Washington Street Conference Center, Rm 109.
- Gordon Teiffel announced Daytime Enrichment and Recreation (DEAR) is celebrating ten (10) years of service to adults with profound disabilities. They opened their doors in December 2008 and have operated continuously ever since to provide services to adults who are medically fragile or have severe cognitive challenges/physical ailments that requires assistance with all activities of daily living.
- Pat Rogers announced a Point-In-Time (PIT) Count planning meeting on December 10 at 3700 SW Murray Blvd, Rm 195, Beaverton at 9:00am.
- Emma Depp announced City of Beaverton's "Understanding Rent Burden" forum for housing and service providers on December 6, 2-4pm at "The Beaverton Round" Council Chambers, 12725 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton.
- Bianeth Valdez announced HomePlate are growing their team and have hired a new bilingual outreach worker to cover the Forest Grove/Cornelius area who will start on Monday.
- Sarah Weller announced Write Around Portland's release of their 55th book tomorrow night at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Portland featuring writers of Washington County. They will also be celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2019 and plan to celebrate with workshops and readings. She solicited anyone interested in bringing creative writing to their community to contact her.
- Toni Loch announced Family Justice Center has added a Family Support Worker who will provide child care for clients visiting the center.
- Melani Calvin announced an open Benefit Specialist position at the ASSIST Program who will primarily work with the Social Security Administration on behalf of severely disabled individuals who have had long histories of not being able to successfully navigate the disability application. She solicited referrals to the open position noting interviews will start on Monday, December 10.
- Yvette Potter announced it was Medicare's Open Enrollment season and Washington County's Department of Aging and Veteran Services now had SHIVA volunteers to assist with Medicare enrollment and benefit applications.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Vara Fellger, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Handouts:

- HSSN Workgroup Board Positions
- Anti-Poverty Work Group Overview and Meeting Schedule
- Hawthorn Walk-In Center Brochure
- Hawthorn Walk-In Center Business Cards (Eng & Sp)
- Business Cards: Andy Cartmill, Juli Pearson, Mental Health 24 Hour Crisis Line (Eng & Sp)
- Mental Health Association of Oregon (MHAO) Brochure
- SAVE THE DATE: MHAO PeerPocalypse May 20-23, 2019, Salem, OR
- Alcohol & Drug treatment programs (partial list)
- Write Around Portland Readings: Dec 6 @ 6:30-8pm, Dec 12 @6:30-8pm
- Family Justice Center of Washington County flyer with pull tabs

To be added to the HSSN email list, contact Annette Evans at Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us