



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83046931794?pwd=cU9RTk8vT0Z5L1JwNGJhWFBTa0RRQT09>

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AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
 - Mental Wellness Moments (MWM) are brief daily practices of self-care and wellness.
- II. MEETING MINUTES: 8:35 a.m.**
 - **Action:** Approve the December 2, 2020 meeting minutes.
- III. GUEST SPEAKER: 8:40 a.m.**
 - Dawn Stone, Social Security Administration
How to make a request for Numident records to verify Social Security Number
Open Discussion: Ask your questions regarding Social Security forms/process
 - KarenAlice Jones, Washington County Office of Community Development
 - Omar Martinez, City of Hillsboro Community Development
 - Lisa Bailey, City of Beaverton Community Development
Review the CDBG Funding Available and Application Process
- IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:30 a.m.**
 - COVID Vaccination Timeline and Respite Shelter Updates – Jack Nuttall and Leslie Gong
 - Report on the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) process for the Metro Supportive Housing Services Program – Ally Jamieson
 - CoC Board position representing Citizen At-Large or Outreach with term ending 6/22/2022. Submit nominations to Annette Evans by 1/15/2021 with vote to fill the position at the 2/3/2021 HSSN meeting – Annette Evans.
https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/upload/The-CoC-Board_Position-and-Term_HSSN-Workgroup-3.pdf
 - Report on Winter Shelter Registration Wait List and Operations – Annette Evans
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55 a.m.**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2021

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join – see website for additional information and past meeting agenda, minutes and handouts at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/hssn.cfm> Comments regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans, Homeless Program Manager, at 503-846-4760 or email Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Providing a Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County
December 2, 2020, 8:30 a.m. (Virtual Meeting)

Mission: Housing and service provider agencies working to bring a broad spectrum of organizations together as partners in the community to perform strategic planning, gaps analysis, prioritize resources needed to provide a continuum of care for individuals and families who are at-risk or experiencing homeless.

ATTENDEES:

Alexander Sheridan, Allie—Good Neighbor Center	Malautea, Suanny—Community Action Organization
Angeles, Nic—Housing Independence	Markus, Michelle—Mental Health Assoc of Oregon
Bailey, Lisa—City of Beaverton	Maxwell, Jesse—Mental Health Assoc of Oregon
Brown, Andrew—Ecumenical Ministries-Metro HomeShare	Merkel, Cole—Here Together Oregon
Brownell, Amy—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home	Mullins, Angela—WC Housing Services
Calvin, Mellani—Assist Program	O'Neill-Tutor, Marianne—Mental Health Assoc of Oregon
Cardwell, Shawn-- Coalition on Rural Housing Security	Palestino, Sara—McKinney-Vento Liaison-Beaverton SD
Cohen, Meghan—City of Beaverton	Penney, Darcy--DVRC
Dwyer, DaNene—Portland Community College	Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison-FG/HEN
Farr, Danielle—WC Health & Human Services	Potter, Yvette—WC Dept of Aging & Veteran Services
Fellger, Vara—WC Housing Services	Rhodes, Barbara A—
Fields, Kaylie—DHS	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Fox, Karen—City of Tualatin	Schaeffer-Bischt, Blair—WorkSystems, Inc.
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Smith, Gary—US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Gong, Leslie—Washington County	Swearingin, Nicole—New Narrative
Greene, Jacen—PSU-HCAC	Takayama, Sage—WC Veteran Services
Guajardo, Roumaldo—Community Action Organization	Taylor, Rosemary "Rowie"—DVRC
Hamilton, Courtney—	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living & DEAR
Jamieson, Ally—County Administrative Office	Trinkle, Jamie—Oregon Law Center
Jones, Roxanne—Just Compassion	Valdez, Bianeth—HomePlate Youth Services
Lamberger, Katie—DHS SSP	Valfre, Val—City of Forest Grove
Lind, Stephanie—WC Cooperative Library Services	Welch, Lexi--DHS
Lloyd, Rhonda—Salvation Army	Williams, Natalie—WC Office of Community Development
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund	Zschoche, Heather—Homewatch Caregivers 1915i Program

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative, annette_evans@co.washington.or.us
Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative, kgalian@caowash.org

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve November 4 meeting minutes.

Action: Rhonda Lloyd

Second: Pat Rogers

Vote: Approved, unanimously.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Report on Point-in-Time (PIT) Homeless Count on 1/27/2021 – Pat Rogers

The PIT count is HUD mandated and, in Washington County, is conducted annually during the last week of January. Data from the count impacts the types of services provided, identifies geographical service gaps and over representation of subpopulations in the homeless population. The steering committee, comprised of street outreach, HSSN members, municipal representatives and Community Action Organization (CAO)

met on November 30 to consider the parts of HUD's guidance that would be adopted for the upcoming PIT count scheduled for January 27, 2021. Considering COVID, it was decided service provider staff would assist in the count in lieu of volunteers and be provided an extra layer of COVID training in addition to the regular volunteer training. As in previous years, there was agreement among municipalities within the county that all would conduct their count on January 27, but if more time was needed by some to complete geographic coverage, they could expand their count for the allowable period identified by HUD guidance.. There was consensus the same form to collect data in 2020 would also be used in 2021. Community Action is in the process of looking for a third-party vendor whose mobile app could be used not only to collect PIT Count data but be used by street outreach throughout the year. If a vendor is selected and a mobile app is in place in time for the 2021 count, the mobile app would be used, otherwise, the paper form will be used. The City of Beaverton plans to use a mobile app that was developed internally. A key component of the data collection is confirmation of an individual living "in a place not meant for habitation" on January 27. Individuals heading up municipal counts include, Meghan Cohen for Beaverton, Shawn Cardwell for Forest Grove and Roxanne Jones of Just Compassion for South County which includes Tigard, Tualatin and Sherwood. Katherine Galian, Pat Rogers, Kim Marshall of Project Homeless Connect and other CAO staff will manage the Hillsboro count. Shawn Cardwell has expanded the days for counting the Forest Grove area to include Gaston, North Plains and any other rural area homeless might be staying. Beaverton counters will also cover Aloha. The winter shelter registration process will allow contact of individuals who are registered and waiting to get into shelter, who are considered unsheltered. At last check, there were 187 people registered and waiting to get into shelter, one-third of whom have never attempted to connect with the homeless system. Pat offered to distribute any useful information or items (housing and shelter information, food, socks, warm clothing, water) during the count and encouraged members with items for distribution to email him at progers@caowash.org.

Does HUD allow us to use 2019/2020 Unsheltered PIT count data to increase safety?

HUD allows a historical extrapolation of data from prior counts to be used for comparison in statistical sampling but the data extrapolated needs to be within 5% in order to be validated.

How did you arrive at the figure for those who have never attempted to connect with the homeless system?

There is a note section in the winter shelter registration that indicates whether the individual has an HMIS number or not. An individual who does not have an HMIS number has never accessed the homeless system.

B. Report on the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) process for the Metro Supportive Housing Services Program – Ally Jamieson

Ally shared the remaining December meetings of the LIP Committee will focus on reviewing the recommendations of the committee to date to make sure all feedback and suggestions were captured correctly. She was currently working on an invitation to committee members to continue their work into the new year under a different platform. She recognized that some may not want to be part of the next phase in the development of the LIP but wanted to provide an opportunity to continue for those that did.

C. Allocation of Funds for Phase 38 Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) – Katherine Galian

Katherine reviewed the EFSP Program funding process and the amounts funded for Washington County for the past five (5) years. She reviewed the formula that will be used for the Phase 38 pro rata allocations for Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties and the allocations agreed to by the HSSN membership for Phase 37 EFSP last year. She noted the EFSP funds were currently being used to serve homeless in the system and the allocations agreed to would not provide additional capacity overall. Any changes would just move funds from one category to another. Discussion ensued. Given the uncertainty of the availability of additional COVID funding, concern was expressed that changing allocations would disrupt the level of services currently being provided. There was agreement that the allocations remain the same as last year.

Motion: Approve the Phase 38 EFSP allocation of 30% for Shelter, 1% for Off-Site Lodging, 49% for Rent/Mortgage Assistance, and 20% for Food/Meals.

Action: Rowie Taylor

Second: Gordon Teifel

Vote: Approved, unanimously.

D. CoC Board Governance – Katherine Galian

Katherine announced a vacant CoC Board position representing Citizen At-Large or Outreach with term ending June 22, 2022 with the resignation of Ellen Johnson. Nominations will be accepted through January 15, 2021 and a vote taken to fill the board position at the February 3, 2021 meeting. Vara will forward clarification on whether the “Citizen At-Large” representative could not be part of an organization or agency and whether the “Outreach” representative needed to be a service provider or could be an individual doing outreach and whether. Nominations should be sent to Annette Evans at Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us, copying Vara Fellger at vara_fellger@co.washington.or.us.

E. COVID Response for Houseless Populations – All Agencies

a. Renter’s Relief and Utility Assistance – Katherine Galian

The eviction moratorium was in place through the end of December. Currently, January rent was due as well as any back rent from September to January. There is discussion at the state level about extending the moratorium, but in a targeted format. The CARES Act funding will be wrapping up by December 30, so all funds needed to be allocated to eligible recipient by then. CAO will stop taking applications as of December 18 in order to process applications received and issue payments before the deadline.

b. Vara shared a report provided by Annette Evans with data as of November 30: Family Promise of Tualatin Valley reports their wait list continues to increase with elderly adult-only households who have been living in their vehicles due to high rental costs that they cannot afford on fixed income.

Hotel Cares Voucher Program (serving those most at-risk of COVID due to age and/or underlying health conditions)

- 31 hotel rooms currently leased with referrals from law enforcement, outreach workers visiting encampments, and service providers.
- Working on housing and other shelter transition plans for when CARES Act funds end 12/30/2020.

Safe RV Parking Program (Program to provide 30 RV/vehicles campers with sanitation; e.g. handwashing, porta potties, black water disposal, etc.)

- The RV Parking program includes vehicles and tent campers managed by County staff. The program has been extended through 12/30/2020.
- Leslie Gong reported the program is currently at capacity with 10 individuals on the waitlist.

Winter Shelter Program (150 Beds, November 2020 through March 2021)

- 120-beds operating at 4 sites (Beaverton Community Center, Beaverton Elsie Stuhr, Tigard Good Neighbor Center w/ Rise Church, PHC Forest Grove non-congregate).
- 150-beds** will be operational by mid-December with the following new bed capacity:
 - 10-beds will open 12/1/2020 to provide hospitals with direct access to shelter beds for discharge. This project is contracted with Just Compassion of East Washington County and funded by CARES through 12/30/2020 and sustained by Oregon Emergency Housing Assistance funds through 3/15/2021.
 - 20-units of non-congregate shelter in Hillsboro with The Salvation Army will open mid-December.
- 191 people on the Master Shelter Registration Wait List after signing up online at www.co.washington.or.us/homeless.

Washington County Respite Center – Leslie Gong, Washington County

- Leslie reported, of the 53 beds available for those impacted by COVID, 11 were transferred from the Safe Sleep Village and Cloverleaf Building at the Washington County Fairgrounds Complex. The Respite Center program is looking to be extended past the end of the year.
- Many have been transitioned from Safe Sleep Village to the Elsie Stuhr winter shelter as part of the wind down.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Katie Lamberger announced Oregon Department of Human Services (OR-DHS) Aging and People with Disabilities program is looking to connect with agencies or programs that would pay for grocery delivery fees.
- Rhonda Lloyd announced The Salvation Army's Veteran Family Center had 16 openings for veterans and their families, including those who were COVID positive.
- Lisa Bailey shared City of Beaverton announced a complimentary eviction moratorium effective December 16 providing Beaverton residents six (6) months after the state eviction moratorium which expires December 31. Residents would have until June 30 to pay back rent owed between March 2020 and December 2020. More information is available at <https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/evictionmoratorium> or via email to Lisa at lbailey@beavertonoregon.gov.
- Gordon Teifel announced the Coalition for Housing Advocates (CHA) is meeting for coffee tomorrow morning. Skyler from the City of Tigard will discuss the eviction moratorium.
- Rhonda Lloyd announced a full-time Case Manager position was available at The Salvation Army. For more information, contact Rhonda at Rhonda.lloyd@usw.salvationarmy.org.

- DaNene Dwyer announced Portland Community College Willow Creek still had support services available for COVID relief. For more information, contact wccopportunities-group@pcc.edu or (971) 722-2688.
- Andrew Brown announced Metro HomeShare were looking to partner with an organization to apply for the Turnkey and/or ESG-CV2 grants. They are a small non-profit active in Washington County who connect home providers to active home seekers. Contact Andrew at abrown@emoregon.org for more information.
- Katherine Galian announced the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) ESG-CV2 grant RFP has been announced. Annette Evans has offered to provide letters of support for programs in the CoC interested in applying. Programs awarded ESG-CV2 funding would be required to purchase and pay for an HMIS license and for someone to enter data into HMIS. HMIS is an eligible category in the ESG-CV2 grant application and would need to be applied for to cover the license fees and data entry costs.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

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