

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee

Thursday, January 16, 2020

2:30 p.m.

Washington County Service Center East – Room 195

3700 SW Murray Boulevard

Beaverton, OR



WASHINGTON COUNTY
OREGON



Purpose Statement

The purpose of the HPAC is to provide oversight to the implementation of the plan and leadership to effectively collaborate with state and local partners to develop additional resources to meet the ambitious goals included in “*A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.*”

The HPAC will be advisory to the county Homeless Program Manager, the Director of Washington County Department of Housing Services, the County Administrator, and the Board of Commissioners for Washington County (“Board of Commissioners”).

Equity Statement

The Department of Housing Services provides housing opportunities to all eligible persons no matter their race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, veteran status, legal source of income or type of occupation.

In order to be relevant and effective in a rapidly changing and increasingly diverse environment, the Department of Housing Services commits to the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion for all members of the community we serve. Equitable access to resources and opportunity is the means to healthy, economically vibrant people and communities. We believe that authentically listening to, working inclusively with, and being accountable to the community we serve increases innovation and effectiveness and leads to more successful outcomes.



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HOMELESS PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Chairperson: Vera Stoulil, Boys & Girls Aid

Chairperson Elect: Rachael Duke, Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Secretary: Komi Kalevor, Housing Authority of Washington County

Officer terms end January, 2020

AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS – 2:30 P.M.**
- II. ACTION - APPROVE AGENDA – 2:35 P.M.**
- III. ACTION - APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2:40 P.M.**
 - A. October 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes **Action**
- IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – 2:45 P.M.**
- V. NEW BUSINESS – 2:50 P.M.**
 - A. Lower Income Employment and Housing Implications – Christian Kaylor (40 minutes)
 - B. Election of HPAC Officers – Vera Stoulil (10 minutes)**Action**
 - C. Committee Vacancies: Philanthropy & Hospital/Healthcare – Vera Stoulil (5 minutes)
 - D. Regional Emergency Shelter Report – Annette Evans (5 minutes)
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 3:50 P.M.**
 - A. Lack of Affordable Housing and Impact to Employers
 - a. Open discussion.
- VII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES – 4:15 P.M.**
 - A. Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN) – Annette Evans
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4:25 P.M.**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT – 4:30 P.M.**



MINUTES

HOMELESS PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

October 17, 2019

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A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Brenda Christoffer Phillip Williams
Carol C. Herron Rachael Duke
Dick Schouten Renée Bruce
Elena Uhing Samira Godil
Jeff Hindley Shawn Fischer
Kara Radecki Vera Stoulil
Komi Kalevor

B. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Roberto Franco
Mardi Sue Surratt
Steven Berger
Talia Buchsbaum

C. STAFF PRESENT

Annette Evans
Phyllis Bittinger

D. GUESTS PRESENT

Joe Simich
Marisa Zapata

Chairperson Vera Stoulil called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS – A quorum is present.

II. ACTION – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda.
Action: Elena Uhing
Second: Renée Bruce
Vote: Approved, unanimously.

III. ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Approve minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting.
Action: Renée Bruce
Second: Komi Kalevor
Vote: Approved, unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Governance, Costs, and Revenue Raising to Address and Prevent Homelessness in the Portland Tri-County Region – Marisa Zapata, PhD, Portland State University (PSU)
Marisa Zapata provided background information about the formation and purpose of Portland State University's Homelessness Research and Action



Collaborative and Northwest Economic Research Center. She is the PSU collaborative director and the lead author in the Center's report that takes a comprehensive look at the scale of homelessness and housing insecurity in the Portland tri-county area. Though housing and economic markets are regional, and all interact, the State of Washington was not included in the study because the report also includes some revenue measure and governance options, and due to the nature of the statutes, the information had to remain local to Oregon. Areas of focus for the report include lived experience, centering on racial equity, and using a definition of homelessness that includes people who are doubled and tripled up. Marisa clarified that those numbers conceptually include youth, who are often couch surfing, but the only doubled up numbers PSU could get were Department of Education numbers. If there were youth in K-12, and they are identified, those numbers could be counted. They were not able to get numbers for youth 18-25 who are not with families with younger siblings and they are missing numbers from anyone doubled up who is not connected to the public-school system. Those limitations mean there is an undercount in this area. The research does not adhere to HUD's definition of homelessness.

Data collection included taking point in time (PIT) counts for unsheltered populations in the tri-county region and applying a multiplier. PSU used what the Joint Office of Homeless Services for Multnomah County has used, which is based on some veterans' work that was done nationally, and that multiplier is 1.9. To that number, they added information from the annual homelessness assessment reports in terms of yearly contacts with the shelter system. Results show that about 38,000 people in 2017 experienced homelessness across the three counties. Adding the PIT, it comes to about 5,500 for the one-night count in 2017. Estimates show that 5,600 individuals are in need of permanent supportive housing (PSH). The report also takes into account people facing the risk of homelessness and housing insecurity. PSU did not apply HUD's definition of the worst-off households, instead opting for an expanded definition, using 0 to 80% of people who are below median household income as well as people who are 1/3 rent burdened, resulting in a total of 107,000 households. They did not reduce the number of households receiving any type of federal support.

According to the report's estimates, it would cost \$2.6-4.1 billion to provide housing and services for all 38,000 people experiencing homelessness. Marisa reviewed universal rent assistance estimates and provided a revenue-raising options summary. Because the solution to homelessness is housing and providing services, the recommended approach is to pull together with a regional strategy. The report suggests forming a task force to explore the feasibility of implementing a regional approach and centering the process on racial equity. The report uses a regional definition that includes only the tri-county area, using available data sets for county numbers.



- B. A Road Home: 2019 Outcomes and Challenges – Annette Evans distributed copies of the working draft of *A Road Home* to committee members. She advised that if members approve the draft, a motion will need to be made to recommend that it be presented to the Washington County Board of Commissioners. She pointed out that chronic homelessness went down to 139 people from the 166 reported in 2018, but that still amounts to a lot of people on the streets based on the point-in-time numbers, which do not reflect actual numbers of those chronically homeless throughout the year. Another observation is the trend of seeing more people with criminal justice involvement living on the streets and unable to obtain permanent housing due to barriers. FY2018/19 also saw an increase in numbers of households assessed by Community Connect for those at imminent risk of or experiencing homelessness. She shared further details related to demographics and trends, accomplishments and outcomes and State and Federal Planning Efforts. A presentation of the data to the County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to occur on November 12th. A discussion regarding funding and strategic options for homelessness prevention and management ensued, as well as an examination of the systemic issues involved.

ACTION – PRESENT A ROAD HOME TO WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Motion: Recommend the 2019 Homeless Assessment Report be presented to the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

Action: Rachael Duke

Second: Renée Bruce

Vote: Approved, unanimously.

- C. Committee Vacancies and Term Expirations – Komi Kalevor thanked Renée Bruce for her years of work and dedication with Community Action and on the HPAC Committee, in recognition of her retirement. He further announced that there are now three vacant positions: Hospital/Healthcare: Resignation of Samira Godil; Nonprofit Service Provider: Retirement resignation of Renee Bruce, Community Action; Homeless Consumer: Mardi Sue Surratt. There are also pending term expirations December 31st: Mayor or City Councilor: Elena Uhing; Nonprofit Housing Provider: Rachael Duke; Sheriff/Undersheriff: Shawn Fischer; Faith Community: Carol Herron; Citizen At-Large: Vera Stoulil. Rachael Duke mentioned that she has reapplied to the position. Annette Evans will send the Granicus link for applications submissions. The closing date is November 26th.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Lack of Affordable Housing and Impact to Employers – Discussion explored the impact the global economy is having on local businesses and how those impacts may directly or indirectly affect housing issues. It was suggested that engaging with businesses may benefit efforts to reach affordable housing



goals. It was pointed out that many employers have employees who cannot afford housing and are eligible for services. If employers are engaged, they will come to an understanding that building relationships around these issues will be mutually beneficial. Lack of housing or housing insecurity impacts employees' ability to maintain stable attendance and work patterns. It was suggested that it may be useful to bring in the top 10 employers to have a conversation around what they see as their trends and come to an understanding of their workforce and housing needs. It was pointed out that it is also important to look at the needs of the smaller employers and their employees. As the population continues to grow locally and regionally, it is becoming more important to address these questions, build local partnerships and work together to identify ways to mitigate negative impacts. Annette Evans and Brenda Christoffer will brainstorm ideas around this and keep the committee informed of their progress.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Komi P. Kalevor
Secretary, HPAC
Executive Director, Housing Authority of Washington County



IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – 2:45 P.M.

V. NEW BUSINESS – 2:50 P.M.

- A. Lower Income Employment and Housing Implications – Christian Kaylor (40 minutes)
- B. Election of HPAC Officers – Two-year Terms – Vera Stoullil (10 minutes)
1. Chairperson – This position will be filled by the Chairperson Elect.
 2. Chairperson Elect.
 3. Secretary.
- HPAC Bylaws, Article VI – Officers, Section 1: The officers of the HPAC shall be a chairperson, chairperson elect and secretary. The term of office will be two years. The chairperson elect will automatically become chairperson upon expiration of the chairperson’s term.
- C. Committee Vacancies – Vera Stoullil (5 minutes)
1. Roberto Franco, Philanthropy – Term Expiration 12/31/2020
 2. Samira Godil, Hospital/Healthcare – Term Expiration 12/31/2021
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PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) ACTIVITIES

- HSSN Housing and Health Subcommittee will meet on January 27. The subcommittee is focused on developing supportive housing through a multi-system approach to include housing, social services and health care in alignment with the goals and strategies outlined in *A Road Home* and the *Tri-County Equitable Housing Strategy* report. <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/hssn-housing-health-subcommittee.cfm>
- Tri-County Equitable Housing Strategy to Expand Supportive Housing for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness is being implemented through local and regional efforts. Jes Larson, Metro, is coordinating a regional approach to addressing the service funds to support the permanent supportive housing (PSH) activities outlined in the *Tri-County Equitable Housing Strategy* report and a regional emergency shelter application that will seek capital funds through a future notice of funding by the Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS). <https://www.csh.org/resources/tri-county-equitable-housing-strategy-to-expand-supportive-housing-for-people-experiencing-chronic-homelessness/>
- Clover Court Open House was held on November 22, 2019 for the new construction 6-unit permanent supportive housing project that will provide housing to chronically homeless persons with a mental illness. <https://www.co.washington.or.us/housing/proposed-clover-court-development.cfm>



HOMELESS SYSTEM FUNDING, REPORTING AND ACTIVITIES

- Eviction Court Cases increase 18% in calendar year 2019. Evictions on the rise with 3,095 cases filed in 2019, compared to 2,624 in 2018. The greatest increase occurred in the first six-months of 2019 with a 24% increase in eviction court cases filed in January through June compared to 2018 for the same time period.
- Built for Zero (BfZ) is a national initiative aimed at ending chronic homelessness through a comprehensive list of persons and prioritizing the most vulnerable for housing. Implementation activities include December 4th convening of stakeholders to provide education on the BfZ initiative and develop a commitment of staff resources from each agency to engage in case conferencing of homeless to begin in February 2020. Katherine Galian, Community Action, has convened the outreach and law enforcement to develop a coordinated outreach plan; e.g. geographic coverage. It was determined by the BfZ Leadership Team to begin case conferencing in February with a list of chronic homeless persons using the coordinated entry assessment score and vulnerability data provided by HMIS. Annette Evans is drafting procedures, policy and establishing dates for case conferencing beginning in February. <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/by-name-case-conferencing.cfm>
- OHCS and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) convene statewide data sharing forum. In recognition of the need for consistent and accurate data gathering and state-wide reporting to inform policy choices regarding homelessness, SB 5512 Budget Note provides that OHCS will report on options to implement a statewide homeless management information system (HMIS) that enables clear outcome tracking for homeless persons. On December 11 HUD and OHCS hosted a stakeholder meeting attended by Annette Evans as the HMIS Lead for Washington County and Cecilia Bonvino as HMIS Agency Administrator for Community Action, a recipient of state funds. A series of monthly stakeholder meetings will be held to collect best practices, assess current HMIS and technical infrastructure and develop a recommendation by the end of June 2020.
- Washington County Public Safety Levy funds \$900,000 annually to operate low-barrier family and youth shelters. The Levy committee is in the process of developing proposed budget needs and polling of voters, with a ballot measure being planned for May 2020.



EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Here Together has completed polling of 900 people in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties with an overwhelming response of support to put forth a measure to create tax revenues to address homelessness. It was noted that the poll did not include a question regarding the amount of the tax. <https://heretogetheroregon.org/>



- Community Stakeholder Shelter Convening was held on November 18 that included a data analysis and overview of where homeless populations reside. Comments and input from city, county, nonprofit, faith-based, and citizens identified the greatest need is a year-round emergency shelter serving adult-only households. Brenda Durbin, Clackamas County, is convening representatives from Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas to discuss a regional application to OHCS in response to a capital funding notice anticipated in early 2020.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4:25 P.M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 4:30 P.M.