

WASHINGTON COUNTY

OREGON

HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
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.
 - Mr. Ben Sturtz, REACH CDC
 2017 Outlook for Affordable Housing Development
 - Mr. David Bell, Oregon 529 Savings Network Oregon ABLE Savings Plan
- IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:35 a.m.

 - FY2016 CoC Program Application: At the HSSN April 5 meeting we will review the application score and celebrate the funding award valued at \$3,367,261.
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:45 a.m.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

<u>Guest Speaker(s)</u>: Ms. Emma Deppa, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

Comments or questions regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans at 503-846-4760



HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County

Beaverton Building February 1, 2017 at 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:

Adams, Jessica—Community Action Organization Auslander, Jay—Washington County Mental Health Ayala, Ruby—Community Partners for Affordable Housing Baker, Amy—Neighborhood Health Center Burnham, Jeff— Luke-Dorf, Inc. Clevidence, Veronica—Washington County Housing Sycs Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro Curry, Casey—Veteran Family Resource Center Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change Eby, Hannah—Community Action Organization Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization Goulding, Celeste— Luke-Dorf, Inc. Graslie, Christina—Luke-Dorf, Inc. Hernandez-Fuerte, Isabel—Impact NW Herron, Carol—St. Anthony's Shelter/Just Compassion Hoang, Tram—Welcome Home Coalition Horn, Vicki—Washington County DAVS Layton, Amber—HomePlate

Lesko, Lisa—Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Mandujano, Clara—Domestic Violence Resource Center

Mann, Chris—Oregon Military Support Network Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development McKenna, Marielle—Beaverton Severe Weather Shelter McVey, Jaycanna—Washington County Housing Services Nelson, Barbara—Community Volunteer/Veteran Advocate Orr, Patrick—Cascade AIDS Project Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS Ritter, Jeanne-Marie—Domestic Violence Resource Center Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization Seward, Michelle—Lifeworks NW Skryha, Vicki—US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Starbuck, Emily—Oregon Employment Department Summers, Chance—Lifeworks NW Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living & DEAR Thomas, Josh—Washington County HHS Mental Health Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services NW Williamson, Drew—Boys and Girls Aid

Yates, Brittany— Housing Independence

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. GUEST SPEAKER

<u>Oregon Employment Department: Lower Income Employment & Housing Implications</u>
Ms. Emily Starbuck, OED, Washington County Workforce Analyst

Portland MSA annual wages increased by 8%, adjusted for inflation from \$52,410 in 2012 to \$55,520 in 2015. Fair Market Rents, however, increased 32% from \$796 in 2012 to \$1,053 in 2017 for the Portland MSA. The unemployment rate is lower in Washington County at 3.8% than the Portland Metro Area at 4.3% in December 2016. Washington County's population growth is at 9.9% from 2010 to 2016. Professional and Business Services leads industry employment in Washington County with 52,907 jobs; 1 in 4 workers age 16-64 are part-time.

HUD Fair Market Limits for 1 a person household in 2016 were: Extremely low income, less than \$15,400; very low income \$15,401 - \$25,700; low income \$25,701 - \$41,100. One third of employment is low wage though there has been a 7% decrease in low-wage employment

from 2014 and a 10% increase in non-low wage employment from 2014. Washington County's highest wage jobs are in Manufacturing with lowest wage jobs in Leisure and Hospitality. Low wage industries are projected to grow 30% from 2014-2024 with over half (58%) of all job openings being in low-wage occupations (retail, servers, cashiers and food prep). Low wage worker demographics include: 17% have a Bachelor's degree or higher vs. 40% of non-low wage workers, are 2.5 times more likely to be Hispanic or Latino and are 2.2 times more likely to be female.

Maps showing low wage job and worker locations for comparison; used for various planning.

Oregon Military Support Network (OMSN)

Mr. Chris Mann, OMSN

The OMSN was formed in 2008 and was granted 501(c)3 status in 2011. Its board of directors is 100% volunteer, along with staff. OMSN was originally formed to be the conduit to all the multiple veteran resources in Oregon and SW Washington. Since Mr. Mann assumed the Executive Director position, OMSN has started providing direct services which are currently run on fundraising and donations alone.

In 2016 the following direct assistance was given by OMSN: 12+ home repairs, finding housing for homeless Veterans and families, connected Veterans with employment, found funding for rent and utility expenses, connected veterans with county VSO's, donation of furniture to nearly 10 families, along with VFRC of Oregon provided Christmas trees, stands, decorations toys and a holiday meal to more than 40 families. OMSN facilitates a monthly networking luncheon for all groups and individual's providing assistance to our veteran community.

In 2017, OMSN will be increasing their board from 7 to 15 members, are writing grants and seeking donors to build an endowment fund so it can become a self-sufficient operation. OMSN plans on uses volunteers to create more community exposure and creating a stronger network with other non-profits and aiming to increase the number of families that can be served.

OMSN would like help from the community at large with: direction with vast resource in Washington County so OMSN can provide quicker response and resolution for home repairs and housing needs and looking into sharing both warehouse and office space with 2 or 3 other organizations. OMSN will always welcome referrals for people looking for volunteer opportunities including being on the expanding board of directors as well as monetary and other donations.

Veteran Family Resource Center

Ms. Casey Curry, Veterans and Families Resource Center and Returning Veterans Project

Ms. Curry is the Chair and Founder of the Veterans and Families Resource Center of Oregon. It is located in Milwaukie, OR, but is open to veterans from any location. VFRC provides direct services, resource referrals, a day room which provides beverages and a 'hang out' location with and for veterans who understand and have a veterans and family survey coming soon to encourage feedback regarding wishes for the resource center. http://www.vfrcoregon.org/services/resources/

Ms. Curry is also an Outreach Coordinator for the Returning Veterans Project (RVP) which provides free counselling and other health services for Post 9/11 warzone veterans and their families in Oregon and SW Washington.

RVP also provides free trainings to RVP network providers with CE Credits and are low cost to community providers, social service staff and first responders. https://www.returningveterans.org/

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the January 4, 2017, HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel Second: Pat Rogers

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

Year 9 Strategy Updates for "A Road Home," the County's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Updates on strategies discussed:

Strategy 1.1.d Prevention rent assistance marked as completed due to ongoing program assistance:

- 1.7.c Expand HomePlate Program and develop drop-in center for Youth marked as complete as HomePlate opened new location in Beaverton for fourth drop in time;
- 2.3 Increase Supply of Housing Units no Washington County business applied. Allan Trunnel would like further discussion, and unsure how Sunset Apartments applies to this category:
- 3.2 Expand Homeless Outreach marked as complete as Luke-Dorf has hired additional outreach worker;
- 3.3.e Hold Project Homeless Connect marked as complete due to event being held with 401 attendees:
- 4.5 Expand WSI Aligned partner Program marked as in process due to involvement of work Systems Inc.;
- 5.4 OR-506 CoC Participation in national AHAR marked as complete for year 9;
- 5.5 Perform comprehensive PIT marked in process due to field count being completed, agencies currently working on data entry;
- 6.6 Public Education Campaign marked as in process due to presentation at South Minster Presbyterian Church

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jaycanna reaffirmed ongoing communication with SWS schedule and HSSN listserv sent in Annette's absence, can send other inquires and will assist when possible and save for Annette's return if not.
- Casey Curry announced success at Clackamas County Stand Down event, passed out 50 homeless kits.
- Chris Mann announced that they are looking for volunteers need for incoming repair requests.
- Gordon stated that they have used a majority of their snowy day fund which can lose between \$2,000-\$3,000/day to make up for lost wages due to work sites canceling in inclement weather. Looking to build the snowy day fund back up.
- Pat announced that the PIT is completed; now need to enter data into Service Point. All may be completed by March. Thanks to all who contributed.
- Matt announced a Landlord Forum on 3/16/2017 from 4-8p.m. with Fair Housing.
- Alan discussed concern with providing services to those in the community with limited concrete and supportive resources for those in need of retaining and or obtaining housing.
- Marielle announced Beaverton SWS is looking for overnight shelter monitors with hours 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. SWS Beaverton is approved for 10 additional inclement weather nights

through the end of March 2017 and has used 5 already due to snowy/wintery weather in January.

- Amber reminded all that HomePlate office in Beaverton open each Tuesday from 2 p.m.
 5 p.m. and Mondays' location has been changed from Hillsboro to Beaverton First United Methodist Church.
- Jeanne-Marie announced hiring for Monika's House (website) and looking for additional funding for Mary Mac House.
- Tram of Welcome Home coalition is working more in Washington County with grassroots campaign for affordable housing.
- Katherine announced reminder for HSSN Workgroup meeting on Friday, February 10th.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m. The next meeting is March 1, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Jaycanna McVey Washington County Department of Housing Services

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