



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, April 3, 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.**
 - Wesley Charley, Tri-Met
“Low Income Fare Programs”
 - Sarah Bushore, U.S. Bureau of the Census
“2020 Census”
 - Megan Cohen, City of Beaverton
“Safe Parking Program”
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:30 a.m. Action Item**
- IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:35 a.m.**
 - Results of the 2019 Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Census – Pat Rogers and Cecilia Bonvino
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55 a.m.**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

**Directly after HSSN Meeting: Public Hearing for the FY2019 Action Plan
Facilitated by:**

Ann Hawkins, Washington County, Alan Trunnell, City of Beaverton, and Omar Martinez, City of Hillsboro

Next HSSN Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

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 or email Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us



HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
March 6, 2019, 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	Pinney, Darcy--DVRC
Auslander, Jay—WC Mental Health	Peterson, Marlys—Safe Families For Children
Brownell, Amy—Ecumenical Ministries – Second Home	Potter, Yvette—WC Dept of Aging & Veteran Services
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Powers, Amy—Oregon Food Bank
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Proctor, Jennie—WC Office of Community Development
Coppiano, Zoila—Community Action Organization	Ram, Sarala—CODA Inc.
Cottrell, Tonia M.—Citizen-Vose NAC	Salo, Jenny—Impact NW
Davis, Alicia—Portland Rescue Mission-Shepherd's Door	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Dwyer, DaNene—Portland Community College	Schimmel, Brian—Old Town church
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services	Sell, Wendy—LifeWorks NW
Fellger, Vara—WC Housing Services	Sepulveda, Mary—Virginia Garcia Health
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Sheller, Gayle--DVRC
Gillock, Deanne—Portland Rescue Mission	Shiple, Molly—WC District Attorney's Office
Herrejon Chavez, Andres—Hillsboro SD-HEN	Skryha, Vicki—US Department of HUD
Hobbs, Juri—Portland Rescue Mission	Smith, Gary—U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
Kalevor, Komi—Housing Authority of WC	Solares, Ellie—Project Access Now
Koulax, Ashley—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries – Second Home
Ludwig, Anya—Cascade AIDS Project	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG
Nelson, Barbara—Veteran Family Resource Center	Vervynck, John--CPAH
Palma, Victor--CPAH	Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center	Yokoyama, Kelly—Housing Independence
Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison/HEN	

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 SPEAKERS:

Juri Hobbs & Deanne Gillock, Portland Rescue Mission
“The Rescue Mission Continuum of Programs”

Mr. Hobbs provided an overview of the programs and services available through the Portland Rescue Mission, a faith based organization which originated at First and Burnside in downtown Portland and have expanded to two additional sites in NE Portland. The Burnside site is considered the “front door” to all of their programs, housing the majority of them: 1) Burnside Shelter, open 24/7 specifically for men, providing a bed, meals, restrooms, showers, referrals, mail and guest services; 2) “Next Step Beds” program, available to men and women providing 1-16 week temporary stays (meals, rest, safety and referral support) for those awaiting entry into a program; 3) Separate “Connect” programs for men and women, 3-6 month transitional bridge program moving individuals from street to housing and employment. During their stay, the program addresses barriers to housing

(addiction, mental health, fleeing domestic violence or lack of life skills) and offers stability through connection to resources, and a support system to decrease isolation. Orientations (15 minutes) are held Mon – Fri 11:00am at the Burnside location. Separate 12-month residential programs are available for men and women in crisis or addiction: 1) The Harbor for Men program, located at 10336 NE Wygant Street, Portland, and 2) The Shepherd's Door for Women (with or without children), located at 13207 NE Halsey Street, Portland. Juri conducts interviews for the men's program at the Burnside Shelter every Thursday at 7:00am. He encouraged agencies to call, email or send people to the location for screening. The first 35 days of the residential program is a "discovery" phase after which the individual will be required to make a commitment to complete the remainder of the program. A 12-month residential "Community House" program is available for men and women (who are employed and in recovery) to transition from residential programs to independent living, allowing them to build rental history. Upon graduation from a residential program, participants also have an option to participate in a 12-month service program, to work toward obtaining a Certified Recovery Mentor (CRM) certification and work as peer recovering mentors within the various programs. All housing is clean and sober.

He encouraged agencies to tour any of their facilities. The majority of Rescue Mission staff are certified counselors with the scope of their practice in substance abuse. All programs are free and do not require medical insurance. For additional information contact Juri at (503) 746-9648, juri.hobbs@pdxmission.org or Deanne at (503) 828-3187, deanne.gillock@pdxmission.org.

Questions & Answers:

Are beds in these programs included in HMIS?

No, they are not.

How does one qualify for the "Next Step Bed" program?

They take referrals from agencies by phone or email to confirm the name of the individual and the date they will start the program. Jeanne noted the facility has many stairs and uses bunk beds so would also need confirmation the accommodations would be appropriate for the individual. She also encouraged agencies to send clients directly to the 1st & Burnside location at 1:00pm (Tuesday – Friday) to meet with staff and be screened.

Are beds only available at night, or can someone utilize the facility during the day?

Beds at night, 6:30pm to 7:00am, with dinner at 6:00pm and breakfast at 7:00am.

Are residential programs limited to those with children? What is the age criteria?

The men's program does not allow children. The Shepherd's Door women's program can be with or without children. Children have to ten years old and younger.

Why are the residential programs so long in duration (12-months)?

The goal of the program is to meet people where they are, and provide programs at a pace they can sustain. People they encounter have had years of chronic challenges that cannot be resolved in a short period of time.

Do women have to be 18+ years old to participate in these programs and does it include "trans" women?

Yes, women have to be 18+ years old. "Trans" women may require a separate conversation.

How many spots are available in residential programs?

There are 42 in the women's program and 38 for the men's.

Is the Connect Program for single women only?

Yes, it is for women without children. The program will work with Shepherd's Door to transition women who want to be reunited with their children.

Do residential programs have a faith-based component?

Yes, Portland Rescue Mission is strongly faith-based, originally called Mission 3:16. The spiritual DNA has remained intact across all programs. Participants will be asked to be open to Christianity.

Do the residential programs have a skills component? What are they? Do they go through all of the life skills throughout the program, or select one?

Life Skills is part of the men's and women's curriculum so everyone is required to participate. Life skill building may include kitchen work, housekeeping, upholstery cleaning, maintenance, interior painting, money management, childcare and caregiving.

Where do you get vehicles used in jobs training?

The vehicles are donated, processed onsite and then sold to fund programs.

Is there a focus on employment in residential programs?

Yes, they work on resume development and job search.

What is the program's utilization? Are they usually full?

The program is currently full, with two people on the waiting list.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the February 6, 2019 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Mellani Calvin

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children (Homeless Education Network): *Andres Herrejon Chavez*

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Andres reported the February HEN meeting included a presentation from Mt Hood Community College PDX Bridges Program and PIT Count data has been provided to Pat Rogers. He noted Spring Break is in 3 weeks and was a difficult time for unaccompanied youth as no meal sites are available during that time.

Next Meeting: March 20 to include Family Justice Center presentation.

Youth: *Drew Williamson* dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org

No report.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2019. SafePlace Youth Shelter

Homelessness: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

No report.

Next Meeting: To be announced.

Permanent Housing & Mental Health: *Annette Evans*

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Annette reported this meeting is on hold until the combined subcommittee (Permanent Housing Subcommittee and Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium) can be convened. She will send announcements via the HSSN ListServ once confirmed.

Next Meeting: To be announced.

Developmental Disability (DD) Dialogue: *Gordon Teifel* dearinc@me.com

No report.

Veterans: *Gary Smith* gareth.smith@va.gov

Gary Smith reported they continue to focus on VASH vouchers and more recently, Salvation Army's capacity and room renovation.

Next Meeting: March 18

Seniors: *Yvette Potter* Yvette_potter@co.washington.or.us

Yvette announced an upcoming Caregiver Training, the details for which she will forward to Annette for dissemination.

Community Connect Oversight Committee: *Annette Evans*

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Annette reported Consumer and Agency Surveys had been finalized and will be going out to solicit feedback of the Community Connect system. Also, a reset of the system process and procedures continues with next step to review vulnerability scoring to ensure the most vulnerable people are being prioritized for permanent supportive housing.

Next Meeting: May 3 at 10:00am, 111 NE Lincoln Street, Room 258, Hillsboro

HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board)

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At the last meeting, Oregon Law Center provided an extensive update of the Martin v. Boise ruling by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on September 4. The April meeting will include review and approval to submit to HUD the 2019 PIT Count, Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) and System Performance Measurements (SPM) data.

Next Meeting: April 12 at 8:30am, 111 NE Lincoln Street, Room 258, Hillsboro

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC): *Annette Evans*

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The next meeting will discuss the rollout of the Metro-funded report entitled Tri-County Equitable Housing Strategy to Expand Permanent Supportive Housing. It will also include a discussion about participation in the Business West Expo in Beaverton where over 400 businesses attend, from contractors and developers to providers of business services. Representation by Washington County and City of Beaverton to address plans for affordable housing.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2019 at 2:30pm, 3700 SW Murray, Rm 195, Beaverton

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) consultation with the CoC – Jennie Proctor

Ms. Proctor consulted with the CoC Board regarding the estimated \$169,000 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for FY2019 (7/1/19 - 6/30/20). She noted the consultation only applied to ESG funds administered through Washington County Office of Community Development (OCD), not ESG funds administered through the State of Oregon. To reduce the administrative burden associated with these funds, OCD was again proposing to allocate all ESG funds to support rapid rehousing in FY 2019 (\$156,925), less 7.5% allocated for administration (\$12,075). Community Action Organization (CAO) would provide matching funds to support the remaining activities (Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter Operations, and Homeless Prevention) through State ESG funds and Supportive Housing Assistance. The estimated number of households assisted for Rapid Re-Housing would remain at 60. All proposed activities align with our local plan *A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* and Washington County's Consolidated Plan.

Motion: The HSSN membership approves the allocation of ESG funds and proposed activities and performance standards as described in Attachments A and B.

Action: Rick Stoller

Second: Anya Ludwig

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Public Services Re-Visioning Process – Jennie Proctor

Washington County's Office of Community Development (OCD) operates the annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which provides project funding for social service programs operated by non-profit organizations under the Community Services category. Before issuing the next round of CDBG funding, a long overdue review and assessment of projects funded in that category was planned, as well as a move for the

CDBG program to align with the Washington County Consolidated Plan to prepare for the next five year cycle. The Anti-Poverty Workgroup was chosen to be the vehicle through which the work would be accomplished. Approximately 160 needs assessments were received from agencies in December and January as part of the community engagement process, the information from which has been compiled and will be presented at the next Anti-Poverty Workgroup on March 20 at 2:00pm. The focus of the compilation is on specific public services needed in the community. Meeting notices are sent out via the HSSN ListServ and all are welcome to attend.

US Department of Housing and Urban Development FY2018 Award – Annette Evans

On February 7, HUD announced the FY2018 McKinney-Vento CoC Program awards. Washington County was granted \$3,853,943, which includes the renewal award; the new Sojourner's House and CoC Planning projects. It is the largest amount ever received by the continuum and reflects the community-wide effort involved. The CoC scored well in 1) prioritizing funds for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing, 2) prioritizing projects that serve the most vulnerable in our community, and 3) implementing "Housing First" models. The CoC scored low and needs improvement in 1) efforts to increase income for those in programs, 2) returns (recidivism) to homelessness within 2-years, and 3) ranking and rating of projects. She noted there had not been a reallocation of projects in three years and that ranking and rating is a good time to review projects and programs, their outcomes, costs of projects, vulnerability of population served, housing inventory in the community and look at where gaps exist and whether program dollars should be reallocated to serve a greater need. Vicki Skryha noted, overall the continuum did well in their application scoring as reflected by the addition of the new Sojourner's House project. Annette added, she will be meeting with her regional counterparts from Multnomah and Clackamas Counties later in the month to learn from each other how we are doing regionally in the areas measured by the grant application. All application material is posted and available on the website.

Tri-County Equitable Housing for Permanent Supportive Housing – Annette Evans

Metro funded a Tri-County Planning Grant to look at regional planning to address permanent supportive housing capacity for chronically homeless and homeless individuals with disabilities. A steering committee led by Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). Consultants and Context for Action were hired and held focus groups and other outreach activities. The steering committee has finalized the draft plan and is scheduled to present it to the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) on March 13 at 5:00pm. The plan will also be presented to the Washington County Board of County Commissioners at their work session on April 9 at 8:00am. While the Metro Bond does not call out this plan, the Tri-County Equitable Plan calls out the Metro Bond as a resource by which to leverage and align capital to serve this homeless population. It will be up to local jurisdictions to determine how and if the two plans should align. Following the MPAC presentation, Annette will send out the *Tri-County Equitable Housing Strategy to Expand Supportive Housing for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness* via the HSSN ListServ.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette announced Vicki Skryha, Washington County's HUD representative was retiring at the end of the month and expressed appreciation for her commitment to serving the homeless through federal technical guidance and support in managing HUD programs. Marianna Thompson will take over working with Washington County. Mellani Calvin shared Vicki was instrumental in getting the SOAR Program off the ground in Oregon and she has appreciated her guidance in that area throughout the years.
- Rick Stoller recognized Annette Evans for all of her work in the HUD application process.

- Katherine Galian recognized the work of the continuum, the results of which is reflected in the award received. She also recognized the leadership of Annette Evans in guiding the process.
- Sarala Ram announced job opportunities at CODA, Inc. and referenced a flyer available at the back of the room with information.
- Mellani Calvin announced ASSIST is hired a second Benefit Specialist and would like to see an increase in referrals for Washington County. She encouraged agencies to contact her to arrange ASSIST presentations to increase understanding of SSI/SSD.
- Amy Powers from Oregon Food Bank announced the opening of their 12th Free Food Market in Washington County located at Aloha-Huber Elementary School, open the fourth Friday of every month. She will provide a complete list of Free Food Markets at the April HSSN meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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

Handouts:

- Portland Rescue Mission: Locations and Services/Programs Available at Portland Rescue Mission
- Action Memorandum from Staff, Office of Community Development re Emergency Solutions Grant Consultation
- OHP Now Covers Me! In English and Spanish
- Project Access NOW: OHP Enrollment
- CODA "Join the Team" flyer.

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