



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

*Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County*

**Wednesday, May 4, 2016 ~ 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 SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.**  
Meghan Crane, MPH, Washington County Health and Human Services
  - Suicide Prevention Program
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:10 a.m.** ..... Action Item
- IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:15 a.m.**
  - Annual Point-In-Time Homeless Census data collected January 27, 2016.
  - Update on FY2015 CoC Program competitive grant funding awards.
  - Election to fill vacant position on the HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board). ..... Action Item
    - Business Representative Nominee(s): Denise Turner, Denise's Spa Petite (Term ending 6/30/2018)
  - HSSN Governance: Open nomination period with election at June 1 HSSN Meeting. Positions include:
    - HSSN Chairperson Position (2-Year Term 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2018)
    - HSSN Workgroup Position (4-Year Terms 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2020)
 Positions represent subpopulations or community stakeholder as follows:
    - Mental Health
    - Veterans
    - Homeless/Formerly Homeless Consumer
    - Faith-based Organization
    - Housing Authority of Washington County
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:40 a.m.**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next HSSN Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2016

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  
April 6, 2016 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, Jessi—Community Action Organization	Linder, April – Housing Independence
Bradley-Tschirgi, Evana—Domestic Violence Res. Center	Marquez, Diana—Impact NW
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Res. Center	Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	McKenna, Marielle—HomePlate
Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Mellick, Michael—Care Oregon
Clevidence, Veronica—Washington County Housing Svcs	Nelson, Barbara—Community Volunteer/Veteran Advocate
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro	Orr, Patrick—Cascade AIDS Project
Davis, Randall— Wash. Co. Reentry Council	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Dohn, JoAnn—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison, Homeless Ed. Network
Dougherty, Alison—Impact NW	Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS
Duke, Rachael—Community Partners for Afford. Housing	Proctor, Jenni— Wash. Co. Community Development
Duncan-Perez, Martha—Wash. Co. Reentry Council	Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change	Robb, Bryan— Wash. Co. Community Development
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Foran, Celina—Community Action Organization	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Garcia, Maria—Community Action Organization	Schnitzer, Cole—Veterans Administration
Gonzalez, Antonio—LifeWorks NW	Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center
Goulding, Celeste—Forest Grove United Church of Christ	Seward, Michelle—LifeWorks NW
Griffey, Kristin—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living and DEAR
Herron, Carol—St. Anthony's Shelter	Thomas, Josh— Wash. Co. HHS Residential Specialist
Holmer, Sharon—Multnomah University	Trunnell, Alan— City of Beaverton
Jay, Patti—NW Women Veterans Connection	Vanderzanden, Abby — Pacific University
Johnson, Ellen—Legal Aid Services of Oregon	Webster, Rachael— Pacific University
Layton, Amber—HomePlate	Yates, Brittany—Housing Independence
Lee-Anderson, Jennifer	

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative [annette\\_evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:annette_evans@co.washington.or.us)  
Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative [kgalian@caowash.org](mailto:kgalian@caowash.org)

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**II. GUEST SPEAKER**

**Discussion on Legal Services and Legal Clinics in Washington County**

Attorney Ellen Johnson, Oregon Law Center (OLC)

Ellen Johnson is a Legal Aid lawyer. She serves those at poverty level and specializes in housing. OLC has additional lawyers that specialize in administrative law, public benefits, domestic violence, employment law, and family law. OLC has more attorneys than in times past, and intends to retain and utilize them in efforts to help the homeless. With data collected by Community Connect, it became apparent that many people had legal issues creating barriers to housing, including debt, custody issues, inability to attain Social Security, and the need for expungement of convictions. To address these issues, a Legal Clinic was

launched in Washington County. Relevant questions were added to the Community Connect client assessment, and clients answering yes to any of those questions are referred to OLC. It has become clear since the inception of the Clinic that this might not be the best way to reach the homeless population, as very few of those referred followed up with OLC. Of those that attended the Clinics, most had issues that couldn't be addressed from a legal standpoint. Ellen is soliciting ideas to make the process more effective in getting help to those in need. She asked if it would be helpful to schedule a Clinic representative to meet with agency staff to familiarize staff with the Clinic and the issues it is attempting to address.

In regards to specific legal challenges, Ellen clarified that no-cause evictions do not end up on a person's record; only "Forceful Entry Retainers" resulting from a judgment reflect negatively on a person. A "Stipulated Dismissal" could be used to create an agreement between the tenant and landlord in landlord debt issues, but since the landlords add their attorney fees to the debt, the debt becomes unmanageable for the client. Another potential legal issue would be if rents are so high that Section 8 voucher holders can't afford them. On April 4, 2016, HUD and the Department of Justice issued guidance stating the use of blanket criminal conviction bans in rental applications is a violation of the Fair Housing Act, due to disparate impact to persons of color. When asked, Ellen said there could be situations when statutory offenses might be resolved or expunged through legal action. Michael Mellick stated Multnomah County has seen success expunging some offenses via the Cliff Program. Ellen said Multnomah County partnered with the Public Defender's Office to provide expungements. Washington County has some attorneys working pro bono to address this issue, but resources are limited. More funding would enable a more systemic approach to addressing these issues. Martha Duncan-Perez said the Governor's office is working to create a sex-offender registry from which some offenders will be able to work their way off within certain criteria.

The Clinic had expected to see people in need of legal assistance for rent and employment problems due to convictions, unlawful termination of employment, to qualify for Social Security, or move forward with expungement requests. Several of those present echoed the sentiment that before people are housed or have developed relationships with those trying to help them, they often have a difficult time focusing on legal issues. Cole Schnitzer said sending people to the Legal Clinic might not result in addressing issues in a timely enough manner to help people. Ellen responded that attorneys usually return calls with a day, and if a matter is urgent, Ellen can be telephoned directly. Maria Garcia said it might be helpful to bring the Clinic or the Clinic representatives to the shelters, where people might be in a better position to work on their issues. Martha Duncan-Perez said that while the Clinic is held in libraries, some with specific types of convictions will be excluded from attending.

Annette Evans suggested perhaps case workers could lead clients through the necessary questions and refer via the same process as Community Connect. She will consolidate the ideas and bring them to the HSSN Workgroup for discussion.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion: Approve the March 2, 2016, HSSN meeting minutes.  
Action: Gordon Teifel  
Second: Martha Duncan-Perez  
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

## **III. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES**

Children: David Pero [dpero@fgsd.k.12.or.us](mailto:dpero@fgsd.k.12.or.us)  
Next meeting: Not reported  
No updates.

**Youth:** Vera Stoulil [vstoulil@boysandgirlsaid.org](mailto:vstoulil@boysandgirlsaid.org)

Next meeting: 6/2/16 at 4:30 p.m. at Safe Place

Amber Layton reported the group is encouraging more involvement from youth.

**Homelessness:** Pat Rogers [progers@caowash.org](mailto:progers@caowash.org)

Next Meeting: 4/18/16 at 9:00 a.m. at Vision Action Network; 3700 SW Murray Blvd # 195

Pat Rogers reported the group didn't meet in March.

**Permanent Housing:** Jeff Salvon [jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov](mailto:jsalvon@beavertonoregon.gov)

Next meeting: Not reported

Jeff Salvon reported a presentation was delivered by some Portland State University students who have launched a project called Open Doors Housing Solutions. The project aims to discover and create opportunities for affordable housing in Washington County.

**Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup:** Katherine Galian

[kqgalian@caowash.org](mailto:kqgalian@caowash.org)

Next meeting: 4/7/16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Worksource Center

Annette Evans reported the group did not meet last month.

**DD Dialogue:** Gordon Teifel [mainlight@me.com](mailto:mainlight@me.com)

Next meeting: Not reported

Gordon Teifel reported an Employment First meeting will be held on 5/19/2016 at the Beaverton Resource Center, focusing on the needs of developmentally disabled individuals.

**Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee:** Lisa

Davila [ldavila@luke-dorf.org](mailto:ldavila@luke-dorf.org)

Next meeting: 5/26/2016 at 11 a.m. at 155 N First Avenue, Hillsboro, Room 245

Annette Evans reported Susan Lind from Oregon Health Authority was the guest speaker at the March meeting and spoke of funding options which will be available for capital developments of affordable housing. The options will be offered in partnership with service dollars through the Oregon Health Authority to serve persons with mental illness and addictions. The next meeting will feature a guest speaker from Health Share.

**Veterans:** Cole Schnitzer [cole.schnitzer@va.gov](mailto:cole.schnitzer@va.gov)

Next meeting: Not reported

Cole Schnitzer reported all the VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) vouchers are being utilized, and the housing on Farmington is full. There are some single room and studio apartments becoming available in Vancouver.

**Washington County Reentry Council:** Martha Duncan-Perez [wcrcone@gmail.com](mailto:wcrcone@gmail.com)

Next Meeting: 5/11/16 at 1 p.m. at Washington County Community Corrections Center

Martha Duncan-Perez introduced Russell Davis, who is replacing her as Chair. The council will present a meet and greet to introduce Russell at the end of April, and will be hosting the National Day of Prayer on 5/5/16 at the Hillsboro Plaza during lunchtime.

**Seniors:** Julie Webber [Julie\\_Webber@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Julie_Webber@co.washington.or.us)

Next meeting: Not reported

No updates.

**Community Connect Oversight Committee:** Annette Evans

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Next meeting: 4/22/2016 at 8:30 a.m. at Washington County Housing Services

Annette Evans reported the next meeting will focus on System Performance Measures.

**Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup:** *Annette Evans*

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Next meeting: 4/8/16 at 8:30 a.m. at 155 N First Avenue, Room 105

Annette Evans reported the first drafts of the Housing Inventory Count and the Point In Time count will be reviewed for approval with the goal of submitting to HUD by the 5/2/16 deadline. Both will be reviewed at the 5/4/16 HSSN meeting. There will be discussion regarding moving toward a CoC-wide by-name list of all homeless persons reflecting the Veterans Administration's initiative to know every veteran by name. The discussion will start regarding next steps for the 10-Year Plan, which will expire on June 30, 2018, including ways to decrease the recidivism rate.

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

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Next Meeting: 4/21/16 at 2:30 p.m. at Washington County Murray Building, Room 195

Annette Evans reported the next meeting will focus on trends in Washington County homelessness and the need for political will to provide affordable housing.

[Update: The 4/21/16 HPAC meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum. The next meeting will be on 7/21/16.]

**Homeless Management Information System:** *Veronica Clevidence*

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Veronica Clevidence reported she is working on cleaning data for the Point In Time report and appreciates the assistance she is receiving from HMIS users.

**IV. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Update on the FY2015 CoC Program Funding Award**

Annette Evans reported on 3/8/2016; \$1,459,532 was awarded to the CoC to fund all Tier 1 projects with the exception Shelter Plus Care (SPC), which straddled Tier 1 and Tier 2. The remaining \$1,760,243 is pending an announcement by the end of April. Annette spoke with Senator Merkley's office regarding the impact of HUD delaying award announcements and separating the timeline for announcement of Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects. This delay affects the ability to create accurate budgets and could cause many CoCs to send letters to landlords notifying them of the termination of subsidy funding within the required 90 days.

**Election to fill vacant positions on the HSSN Workgroup**

Annette received the following nominations for Workgroup representatives: Valerie Burton from Luke-Dorf Inc., Chronic Homeless; Sarala Ram from CODA Inc., Substance Addiction; and Attorney Ellen Johnson, Citizen-At-Large. There were no nominees for Business.

Motion: Approve the nominees as presented.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Martha Duncan-Perez

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Gordon Teifel announced the Sunset View Apartments is continuing construction on 236 affordable housing units.
- Martha Duncan-Perez announced she will be sending information regarding the Reentry Council to Annette for distribution to the HSSN.
- Amber Layton announced HomePlate is looking for teams to compete in their 5/5/16 kickball fundraiser. Vincent Pollard was hired as the new Employment Coordinator, and the Outreach Worker position remains open. HomePlate partnered with Hello Neighbor, and the posters are visible throughout Beaverton.

- Jenni Proctor announced the public hearing to be held directly after the HSSN meeting regarding the Draft 2016 Action Plan and invited all to stay.
- Carol Herron announced Compassion First's day center in Tigard is operating on Thursdays from 12-2 p.m. in the Tigard Four-Square Church.
- Jeremy Toevs announced news is expected this summer regarding the State Housing Stabilization Program. Open Door Counseling Center received \$100,000 for down-payment assistance on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Annette Evans announced Portland Mayor Hale spoke about "zombie homes" in Portland, which are vacant properties owned by banks. These properties tend to attract problems that end up being addressed by emergency services. There is a push to force the banks to take prompt action with these properties.
- Rachael Duke announced 4/8/16 is Community Partners for Affordable Housing's (CPAH) HomeWord Bound event, featuring two great writers; seats are still available. CPAH was able to close on some property in Tigard for affordable housing.
- Alan Trunnell announced the Attorney General notified the City of Beaverton of an audit of the Community Development Block Grant at The Bridge.
- Ellen Johnson announced OLC is eager to educate landlords on the new HUD guidance regarding blanket bans on criminal convictions. Annette will send information to the HSSN listserv.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. The next meeting is May 4, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Clevidence  
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