



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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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: 8:32 a.m.

- **Action:** Approve the May 5, 2021 meeting minutes.

III. GUEST SPEAKERS: 8:35 a.m.

- Jeff Woodward and Roxanne Jones, Helping Hands Reentry
[Bybee Lake Hope Center](#)

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 8:55 a.m.

- Federal Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Initiative – Liz Morris
Action: Recommend to the CoC Board the approval of the MOU outlining the Continuum of Care (CoC) role in the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program in partnership with the Housing Authority of Washington County.
- Report on the Metro [Supportive Housing Services Program](#) – Jes Larson
- COVID Response: [Renter Relief Funds](#) – Katherine Galian
- FY2021 CoC Program Homeless Grant Competition – Annette Evans
- [CoC Governance](#) policy defines the election process for CoC Board positions. Nominations are open with the slate of nominees for appointment included on the 7/7/2021 agenda. Please email nominations to Annette Evans by 6/22/2021.

Positions – Terms ending 6/30/2021	Nominees
HSSN Co-Chair (Nonprofit Representative)	
Business/Employment	
Substance Addiction	
Runaway/Unaccompanied Youth	
HIV/AIDS	
Mainstream Resource Provider	

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:45 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 7, 2021

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join – see [HSSN](#) website for additional information and past meeting agenda, minutes and handouts. 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
Providing a Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County
May 5, 2021, 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—WC Housing Services
Angeles, Nic—Housing Independence
Aragon, Karol—Beaverton School District
Atherton, Haley--OHSU
Auslander, Jay—WC Mental Health
Baca, Melissa—Community Action Organization
Bailey, Lisa—City of Beaverton
Blasco, Martin—WC Cooperative Library Services
Brown, Andrew—Ecumenical Ministries
Brownell, Amy—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home
Burnett, Amanda—DVRC
Burnham, Jeff—New Narrative
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program
Cardwell, Shawn—Forest Grove Foundation
Chavez, Guadalupe—Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Ctr
Coppiano, Zoi—Community Action Organization
Deters, Melia—Community Action Organization
DeLos Reyes, Anthony—HomePlate Youth Services
Devin, Alex—WC Housing Services
Dwyer, DaNene—Portland Community College
Elliott, Clair—Community Action Organization
Espinoza, Rocio—City of Hillsboro
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services
Fellger, Vara—WC Housing Services
Fields, Kaylie—Oregon Dept of Human Services
ForsheW, John—Aloha Community Library
Franco, Magali—OHSU-Tuality Alliance
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization
Gnant, Brylee—Family Promise of Tualatin Valley
Greene, Jacen—PSU-HCAC
Gribbon, Maddy—Metropolitan Public Defender's Office
Grimaldi, Anthony—Habitat For Humanity Portland Region
Kasim, Bashar—New Narrative
Larson, Jes—WC Housing Services
Lopez, Sarah—Community Action Organization
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
Markus, Michelle—Mental Health Assoc of Oregon
Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro
Midcalf, Alexandra—Community Action Organization
Miller-Kennington, Laine—Community Action Organization
Moshkowski, Justin—The Salvation Army
Moshkowski, Melody—The Salvation Army
Mullins, Angela—WC Housing Services
Palestino, Sara—Beaverton School District
Palomar, Caitlin—Community Action Organization
Penney, Darcie—DVRC
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison-FG/HEN
Potter, Yvette—WC Disability, Aging & Veteran Services
Ramage, Marie—WC Veteran Treatment Court
Rhodes, Barbara A—Citizen
Rodriguez, Rodolfo—WC Housing Services
Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Romero, Malu—New Narrative
Rostampour, Theresa—Boys & Girls Aid
Ruiz, Roseanna—CPAH Oregon
Russell, Bill—Union Gospel Mission Portland
Saldana, Austin—WC Housing Services
Salisbury, Susan—Community Action Organization
Schaeffer-Bischt, Blair—WorkSystems, Inc.
Schimmel, Brian—Forest Grove Foundation
Schwoeffermann, Ty—WC OEICE
Sell, Wendy—Lifeworks NW
Simpson, Robin—Safe Families for Children
Skriver, Heather—WC Housing Services
Smith, Gary—US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Smith, Mikaila—Providence
Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home
Swearingin, Nicole—New Narrative
Taylor, Rowie--DVRC
Trinkle, Jamie—Oregon Law Center
Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate Youth Services
Valencia Aguilar, Mari—WC Office of Comm. Dev
Valfre, Val—West Tuality Habitat For Humanity
Vu, Amanda—Providence
Waltchew, Ivy—Community Action Organization
Welch, Lexi—Oregon Dept of Human Services
Williams, Carrie—New Narrative
Williams, Stacy—WC Housing Services
Williamson, Drew—Boys and Girls Aid

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Mental Health wellness moment observed.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve April 7, 2021 meeting minutes.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Val Valfre

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

III. GUEST SPEAKER

Bill Russell, Union Gospel Mission, "Life Change Program"

Bill provided some background information on the Union Gospel Mission's trauma-informed transitional living programs serving men and women where participants are provided mental health therapy along with addiction recovery support. Spiritual formation continues to be offered and available but with accountability and neutrality. The Women's Life Change Program, a privately funded program, was launched in Washington County December 2013 to serve 25 to 35 homeless women and their children through transitional housing and services. He provided examples of the program that includes trauma-informed care along with mental health therapy and case management for the entire family. Diversity in staff and program participation has seen growth in the agency's transitional living programs. He noted women tended to be more motivated by their children to address addiction or chronic abuse than men which was reflected in the better success rate of the Women's Life Change Program overall. In addition to ongoing sobriety and addiction recovery, the goal of the program is for participants to find gainful employment with a living wage and housing stability. Having outgrown the original space located in West Slope, the program will be moving to a new location in Rock Creek with approximately 50,000 square feet, serving 45-48 women and 30-35 children in a congregate setting, but with private sleeping quarters. For more information contact Bill Russell at (503) 319-6690 or billr@ugmportland.org.

Are trans women and undocumented/immigrant/refugee women eligible for your program?

The program has not had a transwoman intake yet; although, due to the safety factor, staff and female program participants are not ready or open to that possibility at this time. The program has been successful in having Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials back off from deporting felony convicted drug addicts. They have also assisted undocumented participants in obtaining legal documentation and to learn English.

Is your outreach program happening in Washington County?

They are open to coming to Washington County, but would be looking at a 6-month timeline. Currently, volunteers respond to referrals with a mobile truck operating by St. Vincent De Paul.

How long is the average stay in the Life Changing Program?

The average stay is 167 days.

Anthony Grimaldi, Habitat for Humanity Portland Region, "Home Repair Program"

Anthony shared Habitat for Humanity Portland Metro/East and Willamette West Habitat merged as of January 1 to become Habitat for Humanity Portland Region (Habitat) to serve significantly more families through the combined resources. The Home Repair Program provides critical home repair and exterior preservation services to homeowners in the service territory. The pandemic has limited the program to primarily exterior projects with interior project requests evaluated on a case-by-case basis. To qualify for services, a homeowner must request service on a primary residence, be current on mortgage payments, have homeowner's insurance on the property and meet the ≤80% area median

income (AMI) requirement. Service for homeowner's located west of Hillsboro and repairs on mobile or manufactured homes is currently unavailable. Repayment of up to 30% of project cost is required and based on a sliding scale. A down payment of \$300 is required for work to commence which can be waived with a demonstrated need. Zero interest loans are also available. Sweat equity is a cornerstone of Habitat programs, with 8 hours required by the Home Repair Program as well. The Critical Home Repair service package includes aging-in-place home renovations for low-income seniors who comprise 80% of service recipients. Beaverton CDBG grant funding is available through June 30 for homeowners in Beaverton for critical home repair, roof replacements and exterior work. Funding was also still available for 1-2 more critical home repair projects for Veterans through a Home Depot grant. For more information contact Anthony Grimaldi at anthonygrimaldi@habitatwest.org or (503) 844-7606 ext. 110.

Who would provide services in Western Washington County and non-incorporated areas?

A Habitat affiliate, West Tuality Habitat for Humanity serves West of Hillsboro (Banks, Gaston, Yamhill, Forest Grove, etc.) and have a similar home repair program.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Report on Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Program – Jes Larson

Jes reported Washington County's Local Implementation Plan (LIP) was approved by the Metro Regional Oversight Committee and will now go before Metro Council later this month. She clarified the Request for Programmatic Qualification (RFPQ) issued mid-April for agencies interested in becoming qualified suppliers was not a competitive process but one that asked agencies to demonstrate commitment and consistency in the expectations of the SHS Program. As part of the RFPQ process, two Q&A informational and pre-proposal sessions were held last week to assist agencies intending to submit applications by May 19. The next step would be to begin [funding allocations](#) for service delivery contracts. She also introduced new staff, Alex Devin, Stacy Williams, Heather Sriver, Allie Alexander-Sheridan, Rodolfo Rodriguez and Austin Saldana of the SHS Program team. She also announced two more positions, Housing Justice Coordinator and Senior Program Coordinator, that will be coming onboard shortly.

B. COVID Response: Vaccination and Respite Shelter Updates – Rodolfo Rodriguez

Rodolfo shared an update on behalf of Tyler Slattery for vaccine clinics planned for Friday, May 7 at two different locations: (1) First Congregation Church: 494 E Main St, Hillsboro, OR 97123; 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Registration by phone at (833) 907-3520 COVID Vaccine Helpline or online at <https://washingtoncountycovidvaccine.as.me/FCC>; and (2) Beaverton Community Center 12350 SW 5TH Street, Beaverton, OR 97005; 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Registration by phone at (833) 907-3520 COVID Vaccine Helpline or online at <https://washingtoncountycovidvaccine.as.me/BCC>. The vaccine planning team was also partnering with staff at drop-in centers to sign people up that were not currently residing at any of the shelters, and working with smaller shelters (10 or so guests) to connect folks to these vaccination events as well. Separate events are planned for larger Winter Shelters, including the Comfort Inn and the two Project Homeless Connect Forest Grove sites. For more information, contact Tyler Slattery, Sr. Program Coordinator, Washington County, Department of Health and Human Services at (503) 713-1402 or Tyler_Slattery@co.washington.or.us.

Rodolfo reported the Respite Shelter will be located at the Comfort Inn through June 30 and then transition to the Econo Lodge, a hotel being purchased by Washington County. For more information, contact Rodolfo at Rodolfo_rodriguez@co.washington.or.us,

C. COVID Response: Renter's Relief Funds – Katherine Galian

Katherine reported on two emergency rent assistance programs that were being implemented at Community Action Organization (CAO). The federally funded program was fully implemented with 600 applications already received to date. The online appointment request process has changed so that the online form will now be available the first Monday of every month and remain available until all appointments for the month are filled and re-open again the first Monday of the following month. [Application appointments](#) online or via telephone at (503) 615-0770. CAO will continue to work with community partners to provide direct application assistance to those who need additional support completing the application process. The [Oregon Housing and Community Services \(OHCS\) Rent Assistance](#) program requires the use of a new online application system, the rollout of which has been delayed until May 19.

Once the application system for the OHCS funded program is up and running, will it always remain open?

The OHCS program will use a statewide online application portal that will allow anyone within the State of Oregon and impacted by COVID-19, to independently submit and upload documents. The application is weighted and assigned points based on criteria of priority populations (income levels, household size and length of time unemployed, etc.). Once submitted, the application is acknowledged as "accepted," with no additional information provided as to when it might be processed, approved or where the individual might be on the waitlist. CAO will continue to provide updates as they learn more.

Does the Allita system replace the current system?

CAO plans to operate both processes as the Allita system will not work for everyone. All Allita data will be entered into HMIS.

D. A Road Home Annual Work Plan Updates – Vara Fellger

Vara shared a working copy of the 2020/2021 Annual Work Plan which highlighted information she was soliciting from agencies for the current year annual assessment report. She asked anyone in attendance who could provide answers to do so via chat, or via email to her at vara_fellger@co.washington.or.us. She planned to follow up with an email to agencies as well. Annette shared, the annual Work Plan updates support the analysis and preparation of the Annual Homeless Assessment Report for Washington County's homeless plan, *A Road Home*. The goal was to prepare the draft 2020/2021 Homeless Assessment Report by end of September 2021 for CoC Board and HPAC approval in October. A copy of [A Road Home: 2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report](#) is available online.

V. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children (Homeless Education Network (HEN)): *David Pero* dpero@fgsd.k12.or.us

Next Meeting: May 27, 2021 at 10:00a.m.

David reported McKinney Vento liaisons for the seven school districts in Washington County met on April 29 and report all schools were back in session using a hybrid system (in-person learning for at 1-2 days per week, some doing 4 days per week). In Forest Grove in-person days were generally half-days. Most school districts report not having the attendance numbers as they did pre-pandemic and were no longer taking attendance. Beaverton reports attendance numbers at half of what they were pre-pandemic.

Youth: *Drew Williamson* dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org

Next Meeting: May 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Drew reported Boys & Girls Aid (BGA) are providing information and resource referral to transitional-age youth on the availability and benefits of vaccines. Many youth are receiving information from social media which is driving some fear. Transitional age youth have been

informed on the vaccine clinics being held in Beaverton and Hillsboro on May 7. Safe Place and HomePlate recently co-developed an Education Re-engagement Program which has already seen a positive impact. BGA are planning on re-applying for the Transitional Living Program funding available through Family & Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) which will add additional beds and opportunities for youth as young as 16. On the legislative side, there is an unprecedented amount of funding available through the State of Oregon. An individual from Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home was added to the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) committee to provide quarterly legislative updates and collaborate on ways to convey to legislators on the outcomes of housing youth to prevent adult houselessness. At their last meeting the TAY received a presentation from Safety Compass who provided information on how to support victims of human trafficking. Drew plans to have Matt Rasmussen from Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) provide an update at the next meeting of the work being done on the statewide youth needs assessment that they are work on with Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH).

Homeless Outreach: Pat Rogers progers@caowash.org

Next Meeting: May 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Pat reported outreach workers from New Narrative, Project Homeless Connect, Just Compassion, Forest Grove street outreach, HomePlate Youth Services and Centro Cultural regularly go out to the community throughout the week. Outreach is also conducted on a request basis by 4D Recovery, Bridges to Change, Salvation Army and Yvette Potter of Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services (DAVS). Hillsboro, Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin and more recently Forest Grove Police Departments are now interacting with service providers and street outreach in an attempt to engage individuals they come into contact with and attend the subcommittee meetings. They are crucial in identifying locations of homeless encampments, something the street outreach subcommittee is tracking in order to know where to send outreach workers. The subcommittee also maintains an outreach calendar to manage the geographic coverage throughout the week. Outreach requests can be submitted via email to outreachrequest@caowash.org. The subcommittee meetings, case conferencing of winter shelter participants and the Built for Zero case conferencing has allowed the continuum to begin to know who is living outside in Washington County. Police at subcommittee meetings report an increase in homeless-to-homeless violence which they suspect is a result of an increased migration of people new to Washington County. The disbandment of the large encampment at Dairy Creek has moved homelessness to the forefront as they relocate along TV Highway. An encampment which continues to grow is located on Clear Water Services property and is seeing many new homeless not before seen by police departments.

DD Dialogue: Gordon Teifel dearinc@me.com

Annette provided an update on behalf of Gordon Teifel. The [Daytime Enrichment Activities & Recreation \(DEAR\)](#) day program has resumed serving adults experiencing profound disabilities, even with medically fragile issues. Only five grants, two PPP forgivable loans and a substantial list of corporate and private donors sustained the business shell. Every rainy-day fund was emptied. DEAR retained most of the staff to begin returning to facility-based work. The three-month ramp to a full roster is an acknowledgement of the complexity for staff learning the medical, social, sensory, passions and preferences of people. [Families for Independent Living \(FFIL\)](#) closely monitors adults experiencing intellectual/developmental disabilities at The Bridge and Merlo Station Apartment Homes. Their advocacy for affordable housing of our demographic began in 1996.

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

Yvette reported the Kaiser Metro 300 Program has successfully housed approximately 40 homeless aging adults over the last nine months. The [Disability, Aging and Veteran Services](#) Technology Services Program connects elderly 60+ to family and friends as well as

social service access to virtual medical appointments. Technology includes computers, tablets, phone and internet service. Equipment training is provided as well as virtual technical support. *Bathing Without a Battle, I Can Be Helpful* caregiver training is scheduled for May 13. *Welcome to Medicare*, an introduction to the Medicare Program will be held on June 23. Oregon Senior Peer Outreach and Oregon Senior Loneliness phone lines are open and available for any senior needing support. COVID counselling is also available at Washington County

Veterans: Gary Smith gareth.smith@va.gov

Next Meeting: May 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Gary reported they continue to case conference the Veteran By-Name List and have successfully housed many Veterans and their families using Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and HUD Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. Salvation Army currently hosts 45 participants including 5-6 families with children, most of whom have been vaccinated. Alternative entries into the building has allowed resumption of in-person meetings including support groups.

HSSN CoC Board: Annette Evans Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Next Meeting: June 11 at 8:30 a.m.

At the April 9 meeting the Board received a presentation from the Joint Office on Homeless Services (JOHS) and Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) on the proposed transition in HMIS Lead in the Tri-County region. PHB is stepping down from the HMIS Lead role, with three available options for Washington County's HMIS Implementation: (1) Contract direct with the vendor, Wellsky; (2) Join a new statewide implementation with OHCS as HMIS Lead; or (3) Tri-County implementation with JOHS as HMIS Lead. A subcommittee was formed and met on April 28 to discuss the options in more detail. In order to adequately support the requirements of the SHS Program reporting and to work regionally on the HMIS changes required to support all of our collective work, the subcommittee recommended the Tri-County option with JOHS as HMIS Lead.

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC): Annette Evans

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Next Meeting: July 15, 2021 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Annette reported the Board of County Commissioners (BOC) appointed Commissioner Pamela Treece to the HPAC Board. At the April 15 meeting the HPAC members received reports that inform policy and funding based on the demographic needs of the homeless population. The reports include Metro Affordable Housing Bond, Metro Supportive Housing Services Program, the 2021 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) data, and information from the Office of Community Development on the CARES Act funding being distributed through community partners.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bianetth Valdez announced HomePlate hired a new Beaverton/Aloha outreach worker, Joe McCleary who is bilingual in English and Russian, joe@homeplateyouth.org, and a new Program Director, Anthony De Los Reyes, anthony@homeplateyouth.org.
- Kaylie Field announced Oregon Department of Human Services was approved to provide Emergency Allotments for SNAP benefits this month but there are some changes. Please read the news release for additional info and guidance [here](#).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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

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