



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

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

**Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

**8:30 to 10:00 a.m.**

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**AGENDA**

**I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**

**II. GUEST SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.**

- Jes Larson, Metro  
Passage of Measure 20-210: Metro Housing Services Levy  
<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/supportive-housing-services>

**III. MEETING MINUTES: 8:50 a.m.**

- Action:** Approve the May 6 meeting minutes.

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

- Consultation with CoC for OHCS CARES Act Funding Allocation Plan (20 minutes) – Vicki Massey, Oregon HCS, and Katherine Galian, Community Action
- Allocation of Funds for Phase 37 Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)  
**Action:** Approve the Phase 37 and CARES Act EFSP allocation percentage for Shelter, Off-site Lodging, Rent/Mortgage Assistance, and Food/Meals categories.
- HUD released OR-506CoC FY2019 CoC Program Grant Award valued at \$3,914,303.
- Nominations for CoC Chair and CoC Board positions with terms ending 6/30/2020. Submit nominations by 6/16/2020 with election at next meeting.  
[https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/upload/578-5\\_OR506CoC-Governance-Charter.pdf](https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/upload/578-5_OR506CoC-Governance-Charter.pdf)

Positions	Slate of Nominees
HSSN Chairperson	
Mental Illness Representative	
Veteran Representative	
Homeless/Formerly Homeless Consumer	
Housing Authority Representative	

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:45 a.m.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: 7/1/2020 may be cancelled based on agenda items and 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join – see website for additional information and past meeting agenda, minutes and handouts at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/hssn.cfm>. 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](mailto:Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us)

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**HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK**  
**Providing a Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County**  
May 6, 2020, 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, Allie—Good Neighbor Center	Lloyd, Rhonda—Salvation Army Veteran & Family Center
Angeles, Nic—Housing Independence	Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
Auslander, Jay—WC Mental Health	O'Neill-Tutor, Marianne—Mental Health Assoc. of Oregon
Brown, Andrew—Ecumenical Ministries-Metro Homeshare	Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison/HEN
Brownell, Amy—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home	Potter, Yvette—WC Dept of Aging & Veteran Services
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Proctor, Jennie—WC Office of Community Development
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Ramage, Marie—WC Veteran Treatment Court
Carrillo, Josh—Northwest Housing Alternatives	Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization
Chavez-Sam, Karmen—APANO	Santiago, Jenny—
Cohen, Megan—City of Beaverton	Schaeffer-Bischt, Blair—WorkSystems, Inc.
Coppiano, Zoi—Community Action Organization	Schaff Laubach, Elise—Metro HomeShare
Deters, Melia—Community Action Organization	Schimmel, Brian-Old Town Church
Doty, Julia—Northwest Housing Alternatives	Sheller, Gayle—DVRC
Downer, Traci—Community Action Organization	Soneoulay-Gillespie, Toc--CareOregon
Dwyer, DaNene—Portland Community College	Soriano, Karina—Bienestar
Emrick, Hannah—Boys & Girls Aid	Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services	Swearingin, Nicole—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Farr, Danielle—WC Health & Human Services	Taylor, Molly—Oregon Dept of Human Services
Fellger, Vara—WC Housing Services	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living & DEAR
Forshev, John—Aloha Community Library	Tirado, Sabrina—Community Action Organization
Franco, Magali—OHSU-Tuality Alliance	Trinkle, Jamie—Oregon Law Center
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate Youth Services
Gramp, Heather—U.S. Department of HUD	VanTersch, Meghan--CAP
Green, Jacen—PSU-HCAC	Valencia-Aguilar, Mari—WC Office of Community Dev.
Jones, Ariana—DVRC	Warden, Katie—Americorp
Jones, KarenAlice—WC Office of Community Development	Waltschew, Ivana—Community Action Organization
Kasim, Bashar—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Williams, Natalie—WC Office of Community Development

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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion: Approve March 4 meeting minutes.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Andrew Brown

Vote: Approved with correction to include attendee Mellani Calvin, unanimous.

**III. GENERAL BUSINESS**

A. Federal COVID-19 CDBG and ESG Funding Allocation Plan Consultation – Mari Valencia-Aguilar and KarenAlice Jones, Office of Community Development

Mari and KarenAlice presented findings from consultations with focus groups and consulted with the CoC regarding distribution of ESG-CV and CDBG-CV CARES Act funding. They provided a memorandum and matrix detailing the planned distribution and activities associated with each allocation and emphasized that priorities were informed by consultations with service provider agencies, communication from the Racial Equity Collaborative and review of daily unemployment filings and loss of businesses news reports. Mari noted the comment period only applied to ESG funds administered through Washington County Office of Community Development (OCD), not ESG-CV funds administered through the State of Oregon. Community Action Organization (CAO) will be the sub-recipient of ESG-CV funds and CDBG-CV Rent Assistance funds and Microenterprise Services of Oregon (MESO) of CDBG-CV Microenterprise Assistance funds.

<b>ESG-CV: \$662,721</b>			
Community Action Organization	Street Outreach	\$ 45,000	6.79%
	*Severe Weather Shelter	\$ 90,000	13.58%
	Rapid Re-Housing	\$ 211,449	31.91%
	Homeless Prevention	\$ 250,000	37.75%
Washington County OCD	Administration	\$ 66,272	10.00%
<b>CDBG-CV: \$1,311,034</b>			
Community Action Organization	Rent Assistance	\$ 748,000	57%
MESO	Microenterprise Assistance	\$ 300,000	23%
Washington County OCD	Administration	\$ 263,034	20%

*\*The ESG-CV funds targeted for Severe Weather Shelter operations will be directed to Washington County Housing Services to leverage with additional funds.*

The anticipated timeline for distribution of funds was as follows:

Present plan to Policy Advisory Board	May 14th
Five-day public comment period	Begin May 15th
Public Hearing before Policy Advisory Board	TBD
Board of County Commissioners - Final Approval	June 2nd
Contracts issued	No later than mid June

Contact Mari at [mari\\_valencia-aguilar@co.washington.or.us](mailto:mari_valencia-aguilar@co.washington.or.us) or KarenAlice at [karenalice\\_jones@co.washington.or.us](mailto:karenalice_jones@co.washington.or.us) for additional information.

#### Questions and Answers

##### **Will funds be available to both current and new renters?**

Funds will be available to anyone directly impacted by COVID-19, including those who have experienced job loss and reduced hours.

#### **B. Results of 2020 Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Census – Pat Rogers and Katherine Galian, Community Action Organization**

Pat Rogers provided an overview of the 2020 PIT Count held January 22 – 29. PIT organization and implementation continued to improve with a core group from municipalities/agencies returning in 2020 to assist in organizing and soliciting volunteers. For the first time, a cell phone app was used, which made it easier for data collection as well as data transfer. Many of the 122 volunteers who participated had returned from last year, and as seasoned volunteers were able to connect with more homeless. This was also the 2<sup>nd</sup> year the cities of Hillsboro, Beaverton, Tigard and Forest Grove held counts on the same day (January 22) which helped to reduce duplication and increase data quality. Pat acknowledged the efforts of those involved, noting it would not have been as successful without them.

There were 307 unsheltered people counted, 33% of whom were chronically homeless, 70.4% self-reported with a disability, 18% had experienced domestic violence and 5% were Veterans. The vast majority of those counted were single adults (82.1%), white (82.4%), male (74.6%), Non-Hispanic (85.7%) and between the ages of 26 – 55 (68.1%). The primary drivers of homelessness continued to be “Couldn’t Afford Rent” with 42.3% responses, “Unemployment” at 30.3%, “Kicked Out by Family/Friends” at 22.1%, “Criminal History” at 20.8%, “Mental/Emotional Disorder” at 16% and “Choice” at 16.6%. The majority of individuals were counted in Hillsboro (63.5%), 10.7% counted in Beaverton, another 8.1% in Tigard/Tualatin and 1.3% counted in Forest Grove/Cornelius. Of those counted, only 32.9% considered Hillsboro where they usually stayed, 19.2% considered Beaverton where they usually stayed, 13.7% considered Tigard/Tualatin where they usually stayed and 6.2% considered Forest Grove/Cornelius where they usually stayed which confirmed the mobile nature of the population and validated the need for simultaneous counts in larger cities. For more information contact Pat Rogers at [progers@caowash.org](mailto:progers@caowash.org)

**C. HSSN Governance – Election of CoC Board position.**

One nomination was received for the vacant Faith-based Organization representative on the CoC Board. A vote was held and Vernon Baker was appointed to this position with the term ending 6/30/2022. Congratulations Vernon!

Motion: Appoint Vernon Baker to the Faith-based Organization position.  
Action: Gordon Teifel  
Second: Rick Stoller  
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ariana Jones shared DVRC were remotely accessing clients for Sojourners and developing a quarantine plan for bringing in new residents to shelter.
- Katherine Galian announced Community Action Organization’s Emergency Rent and Utility Assistance were still operating with emergency rent payments being made for the current month. She noted utility companies had suspended disconnects.
- Meghan VanTersch announced Cascade AIDS Project was still doing intakes over the phone and those with HIV could access food box deliveries every Wednesday.
- Molly Taylor announced Child Welfare were still responding to calls and directed all welfare concerns go through the Child Abuse Hotline, (855) 503-7233.
- Bianeth Valdez announced HomePlate no longer had drop-ins, but instead offered day space hours at the Beaverton office, 1:00pm – 5pm. They were also doing outreach on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 2:00pm – 5pm. Showers/laundry facilities were still available with notice.
- Sabrina Tirado announced Community Connect was fully phone-based and they now had next-day appointments available. Any clients in need of a Community Connect assessment or screening should call (503) 640-3263.
- Rhonda Lloyd announced Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center continued to operate residential and food services. Entrance screening and case management were conducted via telephone or with proper distancing. They plan to re-open groups upon the Governor’s removal of restrictions.
- Jamie Trinkle announced Oregon Law Center was fully phone based and accepting new clients. Low-income Oregonians with civil legal issues could call and leave a voicemail at (503) 640-4115. They will respond with self-help materials, information, referrals or a full intake within 1-2 days.

- Nicole Swearingin of Luke-Dorf, Inc. announced she was still working with individuals on overcoming barriers and supporting individuals with housing navigation as well as doing limited outreach. Individuals could still be referred to outreach/housing navigation via email [outreach@luke-dorf.org](mailto:outreach@luke-dorf.org).
- Allie Alexander announced Good Neighbor Center was still sheltering and taking new families.
- Mandie Ludlam of Community Housing Fund announced many projects of current borrowers were moving forward and they were seeing more demand for new loans/projects. Affordable housing development was continuing in Washington County!

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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

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