

# Homeless Plan Advisory Committee

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**Thursday, July 15, 2021  
2:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM**

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**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
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## **Purpose Statement**

The purpose of the HPAC is to provide oversight to the implementation of the plan and leadership to effectively collaborate with state and local partners to develop additional resources to meet the ambitious goals included in “*A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.*”

The HPAC will be advisory to the county Homeless Program Manager, the Director of Washington County Department of Housing Services, the County Administrator, and the Board of Commissioners for Washington County (“Board of Commissioners”).

## **Equity Statement**

The Department of Housing Services provides housing opportunities to all eligible persons no matter their race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, veteran status, legal source of income or type of occupation.

In order to be relevant and effective in a rapidly changing and increasingly diverse environment, the Department of Housing Services commits to the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion for all members of the community we serve. Equitable access to resources and opportunity is the means to healthy, economically vibrant people and communities. We believe that authentically listening to, working inclusively with, and being accountable to the community we serve increases innovation and effectiveness and leads to more successful outcomes.



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2021 HPAC Meeting Schedule 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
October 21



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*Chairperson: Rachael Duke, Community Partners for Affordable Housing*

*Chairperson Elect: Kara Kazemba, Ancora Therapy*

*Secretary: Komi Kalevor, Housing Authority of Washington County*

*Officer terms end January 2022*

### AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS – 2:30 P.M.**
- II. ACTION - APPROVE AGENDA – 2:35 P.M.**
  - A. **ACTION**: Approve the July 15 Meeting Agenda.
- III. ACTION - APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2:40 P.M.**
  - A. **ACTION**: Approve the April 15 Meeting Minutes.
- IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – 2:45 P.M.**
- V. NEW BUSINESS – 2:50 P.M.**
  - A. 2021 Legislative Update – Paige Spence, Government Relations Manager, County Administrative Office (25 minutes)
  - B. Amendment to the Homeless Plan Advisory Committee By-Laws – Annette Evans and Jes Larson (20 minutes)
  - C. Integrating the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Program into the Scope of Work for HPAC – Jes Larson and Ty Schwoeffermann (15 minutes)
  - D. Language Choices in Communicating our Work: Homeless and Houseless – Emily Roots (10 minutes)
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 4:00 P.M.**
- VII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES – 4:05 P.M.**
  - A. Supportive Housing Services Program – Jes Larson
  - B. Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN) – Annette Evans
- VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION – 4:15 P.M.**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT – 4:30 P.M.**



## MINUTES

### HOMELESS PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

April 15, 2021

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

#### A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven Berger  
Talia Buchsbaum  
Brenda Christoffer  
Rachael Duke  
Carol C. Herron  
Komi Kalevor  
Kara Kazemba  
Michelle Markus

Kemp Shuey  
Vera Stoullil  
Pamela Treece  
Stacey Triplett  
Elena Uhing  
Beth Uno, M.D.  
Phillip Williams  
Kasi Woidyla

#### B. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

#### C. STAFF PRESENT

Annette Evans  
Jes Larson  
Vara Fellger

#### D. GUESTS PRESENT

Andrew Crampton  
Maria Langbauer  
Megan McKibben  
Val Valfre  
Alan Trunnell  
Mari Valencia  
Al Roque

Chair Duke called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

#### I. INTRODUCTIONS – A quorum is present.

#### II. ACTION – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda of April 15 meeting.

Action: Kemp Shuey

Second: Kara Kazemba

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

#### III. ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Approve minutes of January 21 meeting.

Action: Vera Stoullil

Second: Stacey Triplett

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

#### IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. HPAC Vacancies – Rachael Duke

Chair Duke introduced Commissioner Treece who was recently appointed to the HPAC Board as the County Commissioner representative, and Chief Deputy Albert Roque who was being recommended for appointment to fill the open Sheriff's Office position vacated by Commander Erroll McCrae.



B. 2021 Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Census – Annette Evans

Annette shared the PIT was a HUD requirement for federal grant funding awards and included an unduplicated count of unsheltered as well as those in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs. The data is used by the Continuum of Care (CoC) for planning systems of care, to develop programmatic opportunities to meet the needs of the community and to raise public awareness around homelessness and the socio-economic factors that lead to homelessness. Federal and state governments also use the data to appropriate funds and develop funding allocations or formulas.

She reviewed the methodology used for compiling the PIT data that reported 359 persons occupying shelter or transitional housing beds and 357 persons living unsheltered on the streets and in places not meant for human habitation on January 27. The unsheltered count was coordinated by Community Action Organization (CAO) staff and conducted on January 27 in larger municipalities and over the remaining week to reach outlying areas. Due to the pandemic there was an intentional decision to use street outreach exclusively rather than volunteers. New this year was the use of *Counting Us*, a mobile app with GPS capabilities to identify the location of interviews real time. The increased homelessness trend continued with more than 15% homeless counted in both unsheltered and sheltered categories compared to last year with men disproportionately represented overall. There was a decrease in the number of chronically homeless, Veteran, or older adults (62+ years) counted attributable to the increased housing resources available through the Metro Kaiser 300 program, additional HUD-VASH and Mainstream vouchers awarded to the Housing Authority of Washington County and the prioritization of those sub-populations through the Built For Zero case conferencing. The 2021 PIT data reflected both youth and survivors of domestic violence populations were impacted by the increase in family conflict brought on by the pandemic with the increase in the number of youth seeking shelter and the increase in the number of those who identified as survivors of domestic violence within the unsheltered count. The pandemic also contributed to the increase in adult-only households which comprised the majority (94%) of the unsheltered population. People of color comprised 38% of the sheltered population and 25% of the unsheltered population. Annette noted racial equity, equal access and culturally responsive service delivery continues to be a focus of the CoC system.

COVID restrictions and the decrease in bed utilization in year-round shelter and transitional housing attributed to an undercount of sheltered special needs populations. Also, it was suspected the decrease in those self-reporting as having a substance use disorder may be a result of the question being asked (Do you have a long-term disability that impairs your ability to hold a job or live independently?) rather than an actual decrease in those with substance use disorder overall.



Vera Stoullil confirmed youth aged 18 - 23 were hit particularly hard by the pandemic as they were the demographic that lost their part time jobs and had no ability to pay rent.

Kasi Woidyla inquired whether homeless were being vaccinated during the PIT count. Annette shared Washington County Public Health's plan for vaccinating the homeless population relied on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to deliver a one-time vaccination. An alternate plan was being developed in light of the J & J pause and a shortage of other vaccines. Kasi Woidyla hoped the challenges posed by having to plan/schedule a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose did not delay homeless vaccinations overall, noting one dose was better than none.

Councilor Uhing shared the Department of Veteran Affairs were also using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and suggested coordinating with them on a homeless vaccination strategy. Annette committed to updating the HPAC Board on Washington County Public Health's current plan for vaccinating the homeless population.

Councilor Uhing inquired about the mobile emergency response taken over by Forest Grove Foundation that was previously managed by police and fire departments. She offered to go offline to provide more details.

Councilor Uhing also suggested reaching out to the Asian network to learn about their community's response to homelessness to learn and possibly incorporate some of the systems they had in place. She noted, as a demographic, the Asian population was generally under-represented in homelessness statistics.

Kasi Woidyla inquired whether those with mental health and substance use issues were being provided services or resources while in shelter. Annette shared winter shelters were provided with treatment provider information; however, it is up to the homeless individual if they choose to engage in services. Each shelter received a laptop to connect guests to a Health Care Coordinator who could assist them in setting up appointments, do virtual meetings or apply for health insurance.

Kemp Shuey shared the CAO Family Shelter recognized the time in their shelter was an opportunity to connect families to wraparound services and worked toward developing a housing plan, connect them to work resources, connect them with mental health/drug treatment options or any other service they needed during their stay.

Councilor Uhing inquired whether CAO extended their work resource services to homeless not housed in their family shelter. Kemp Shuey shared the shelter network was one of several connection points for receiving the broad suite of services CAO had to offer.



Vera Stoullil shared the case manager at Boys and Girls Aid's focused on coordinating access to the various services available to youth and their families. Services were not limited to shelter but available through Aftercare and Drop-in programs as well. She announced they had just received their Mental Health Certification to provide services onsite and noted significant engagement and relationship building was required before a young person would accept mental health services.

Stacey Triplett inquired whether differences in the year to year comparisons were attributable to differences in PIT Count implementation techniques. Annette shared known differences for the 2021 PIT were the relationships developed with outreach staff during the past year (knowing where encampments were) as well as being able to capture data real-time to demonstrate geographic coverage via GPS capabilities and the dashboard feature in the *Counting Us* app.

C. Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Program Local Implementation Plan (LIP) – Jes Larson

Jes provided some background for the SHS Program measure which 58% of voters approved on May 19, 2020. With broad regional support by business and community leaders, it was the largest per capita investment to address homelessness in the nation and was scaled to achieve functional zero chronic homelessness within the Metro region. She reviewed the revenue generation and allocation scheme for the three counties noting Washington County was anticipating \$38 million within the first year and \$75 million per year by Year 3. The program prioritized the chronically homeless population using a locally derived definition (not the HUD definition) and was designed to lead with race to advance racial equity. She noted the definition of supportive housing being used within the program provided greater flexibility than that of HUD's more restrictive, permanent supportive housing definition and in general, was a long-term rent assistance voucher with wraparound supports. The goal across the region was to provide 5,000 housing placements, with Washington County's portion being 1,665. She reviewed a timeline for the work to date noting the LIP was approved by Washington County's Board of Commissioners and will now go before the Metro Oversight Committee at the end of April for review and approval.

A Request for Programmatic Qualification (RFPQ) - a procurement process to register organizations interested in providing supportive housing - was expected to be released April 19. Implementation working groups have been established and were working on developing regional long-term rent assistance and unit capacity, expanding shelter capacity, developing a service provider network, developing data management and coordinated entry systems, developing service provider training and standards, and developing a coordination plan for county and city staff. A Request for Procurement (RFP) was currently open for shelter providers interested in running year-round shelters located in Hillsboro and Aloha (two hotels purchased that will temporarily be operated as year-round shelters). She reviewed the planned investments and outcome goals for Year 1 which





included 500 supportive housing placements, 500 additional households assisted to achieve housing stability, increase year-round shelter capacity by 100 beds, capacity building of culturally specific provider network and develop measurable goals that demonstrate equitable outcomes. The SHS Program is expected to launch July 1, 2021.

Kemp Shuey inquired how the SHS Program will impact the role of HPAC. Jes shared the SHS Program will be part of the Continuum of Care work but had different requirements and accountability for an advisory structure. Ultimately, they would like an advisory structure that could meet both CoC and SHS Program requirements and accountability in order to have the same approaches, strategies, principles, and direction. They also see the benefit in utilizing existing advisory structures. They hope to begin working on the advisory structure in the very near future and shared the HPAC board will be involved in the process.

D. Metro Affordable Housing Bond and Permanent Supportive Housing Initiatives – Andrew Crampton

Andrew reviewed the Metro Affordable Housing Bond portfolio noting the Washington County Local Implementation Strategy (LIS) targeted areas of the county within the Metro service district but outside of the cities of Hillsboro and Beaverton (unincorporated Washington County, Tigard, Forest Grove, Cornelius). The proposed number of units totaled 814, of which 334 were set aside for households with incomes <30% Median Family Income (MFI), 407 would be 2+ bedroom units and 100 units would be permanent supportive housing (PSH) units.

The first project under construction is The Viewfinder (Phase I), an 81-unit development located in the Tigard Triangle area and was expected to be completed October 2021. A NOFA was released Spring of 2020 with seven projects approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOC) and received Metro concept endorsement. Aloha Quality Inn, a 54-unit, 100% PSH project was purchased by the Washington County Housing Authority in January 2021 and was a key catalyst to reaching the 100-unit PSH goal. Saltzman Road Senior Apartments, a project that will provide 53 senior housing units, 30 of which will be allocated for those <30% MFI, 9 units with 2+ bedrooms and 24 PSH units, was a NOFA application that required additional work with staff, the developer and owner and has now been approved by the BOC and in the process of Metro concept review. Based on the current project portfolio, \$16.5 million remains available to meet or exceed unmet goals of 2 additional PSH units, 22 units <30% MFI and 11 units with 2+ bedrooms. Andrew reviewed the development cost details of the current projects and provided rent levels by unit size and income targets compared to fair market rents. He shared a map identifying the location of each project in the county which reflected the Washington County LIS goal of geographic disbursement, location near transit and high opportunity zones. He reviewed the status of each project, noting the 36-unit Avenida 26 (Forest Grove family housing project) and the two Bridge Housing Corporation projects (Goldcrest in Beaverton and Aloha project) are expected to close this summer.



More information on projects that have received Metro concept approval are available [here](#).

Chair Duke inquired whether the Aloha Quality Inn will start out as a non-congregate shelter and then eventually convert to 100% supportive housing units. Andrew confirmed the northern wing will be used as a temporary non-congregate shelter beginning July 1. The building is structured into two wings which provides a good opportunity to phase construction, utilizing one wing immediately while the other undergoes construction. Renovation to add kitchenettes and fire safety suppression measures will begin on the southern wing Fall 2021. Once completed residents will be moved into the newly renovated units and renovation will continue on the northern wing.

E. COVID Response: Rent's Relief Funds and CDBG/ESG-CV Funds – Office of Community Development Staff

Alan Trunnell reported on the \$17,999,261 million in emergency rent assistance (ERA) received from the federal government. The funds will be distributed through Community Action Organization (CAO) and culturally specific organizations they partner with serving households with income  $\leq 50\%$  MFI and unemployed for at least 90 days. Eligible expenses include rent (rent arrears from April 1, 2020 to current), utilities and other housing stabilization needs.

Mari Valencia-Aguilar reported Washington County's 2020/2021 fiscal year allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds was \$2.19 million and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) allocation was \$190,064 and shared a list of the projects and agencies who were allocated funds to support homelessness activities. Washington County also received \$5.9 million in combined CDBG and ESG funds to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on the homeless population and those at imminent risk. She shared the list of agencies who received an allocation of COVID funds and noted the community's need was informed by consultations with community partners, culturally specific agencies, businesses, and housing organizations and via public hearings.

Kemp Shuey added culturally specific agencies that CAO has partnered with have been doing targeted outreach to their specific communities to handle applications and referrals.

Stacey Triplett shared, similar to Microenterprise Services of Oregon, WorkSystems had partnered with CAO to provide career coaching services in culturally specific organizations (Centro Cultural, IRCO and others) for the housing insecure.

Vera Stoullil inquired about the COVID funding from the recent legislative session and whether prioritization and planning was underway for its distribution. Alan clarified the federal ERA funding recently received was from the last administration that has just now become available. The funding through the



Recovery Act from the current administration is not yet flowing but Washington County has received notice that their direct allocation will be approximately \$14 million. Additional funds are also expected from the State of Oregon.

Councilor Uhing inquired whether Hillsboro and Beaverton will receive their own allocation, separate from Washington County.

The federal ERA funding is for all jurisdictions in Washington County. Municipalities will not receive separate allocations.

F. Future New Business: Review and Amend Homeless Plan Advisory Committee Bylaws – Annette Evans

Annette reported the HPAC Bylaws were developed in 2009 after the County's homeless plan was adopted. The HPAC is commissioned to provide oversight and leadership for the implementation of A Road Home, the jurisdiction's homeless response plan. County staff have determined the By-Laws need updating to reflect the title change to A Road Home, among other potential updates. In light of the earlier discussion about the SHS Program advisory structure, it may be time to review and make adjustments to the document in consideration of alignment between SHS Program and the jurisdiction's homeless plan – A Road Home. This topic will be carried forward to a future meeting.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Use of Terms: Homeless v. Houseless – All

Annette thanked Councilor Uhing for bringing this topic to the surface. She reported Komi Kalevor had assigned staff following the last Housing Advisory Committee meeting to develop some messaging and tools for the appropriate usage of either word in any given context.

Councilor Uhing shared the term, “shelterless” has recently increased in usage and requested that it be added to the terminology conversation.

Kara Kazemba shared, from a trauma informed and client centered perspective, service providers should ask the client what terminology was preferred.

Councilor Uhing agreed and proposed that a tool for appropriate usage of terminology (common terms/definitions) is important for government agencies who refer to the terms in documentation.

B. Addressing Homelessness Through Community Engagement and Information

The agenda item was tabled to ensure adequate time for a full discussion.

**VII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

A. Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN) – Annette Evans

Annette provided highlights from her report and encouraged anyone with questions to email her, [Annette\\_evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us).



- B. Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Program – Jes Larson  
Annette encouraged anyone with questions on Jes Larson’s report to email her at [Jes\\_larson@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Jes_larson@co.washington.or.us).

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Megan McKibben, Staff Assistant to County Commissioner Pam Treece, shared members seeking to share information or inquire on topics may contact Commissioner Treece at [pam\\_treece@co.washington.or.us](mailto:pam_treece@co.washington.or.us) or herself at [megan\\_mckibben@co.washington.or.us](mailto:megan_mckibben@co.washington.or.us).
- Alan Trunnell introduced Maria Langbauer who recently joined Washington County’s Office of Community Development as a Housing and Community Development Specialist and will eventually be the “go-to” for the federal rent assistance program. Maria can be reached at [maria\\_langbauer@co.washington.or.us](mailto:maria_langbauer@co.washington.or.us).
- Vera Stoullil announced Oregon Alliance were successful in securing a \$1 million allocation for homeless youth services through the Oregon Legislative Emergency Board (E-Board) in December, of which HomePlate Youth Services and Boys and Girls Aid Safe Place shelter will receive over \$300,000. Also, HB2544, which will provide \$4.5 million for homeless youth services across the state, has moved to the Ways and Means Committee. Half of the funding is targeted to existing programs like shelters and transitional living programs and the other half to the expansion and resourcing of host home programs for homeless youth across the state. She encouraged board member to email Ways and Means Committee members asking them to move the bill forward.
- Chair Duke invited board member to attend the Community Partners for Affordable Housing fundraiser event on April 16 to raise money for housing and resident services.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Komi P. Kalevor  
Secretary, HPAC  
Executive Director, Housing Authority of Washington County



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**VII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES – 4:05 P.M.**

- A. Supportive Housing Services Program – Jes Larson  
Implementation of the new SHS program remains on track for program start in July 2021.

The SHS Local Implementation Plan ([LIP](#)) has now unanimously been approved by the Washington County Board of County commissioners, Metro Oversight Committee, and the Metro Council.

Intergovernmental agreement (IGA) negotiations with Metro continue constructively towards a final agreement anticipated later this summer. A short-term revenue sharing agreement will be executed between Metro and Washington County prior to July 1, 2021 in order to allow transfer of program funds to start prior to the completion of the full IGA.

The Request for Programmatic Qualifications (RFPQ) procurement process closed May 19<sup>th</sup> with more than 40 community-based organizations applying. The evaluation process determined 38 organizations to meet eligibility requirements and qualified them as potential providers of services through the program for the next three years. The full list of organizations can be found [here](#). Future Supportive Housing Services RFPQ opportunities for interested organizations are expected semi-annually until all services can be supplied through the qualified network.

The Supportive Housing Service program is anticipated to launch with the following initial services and updated coordinated systems:

- 30-40 new Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS) workers providing outreach, assessment, housing placement, and retention services with caseloads no greater than 20 participants per staff member,
- 2 Bridge Shelters operated at the Aloha Inn and EconoLodge in Hillsboro with 82 rooms for participants working with ICMS workers to secure supportive housing placements. These programs will be operated



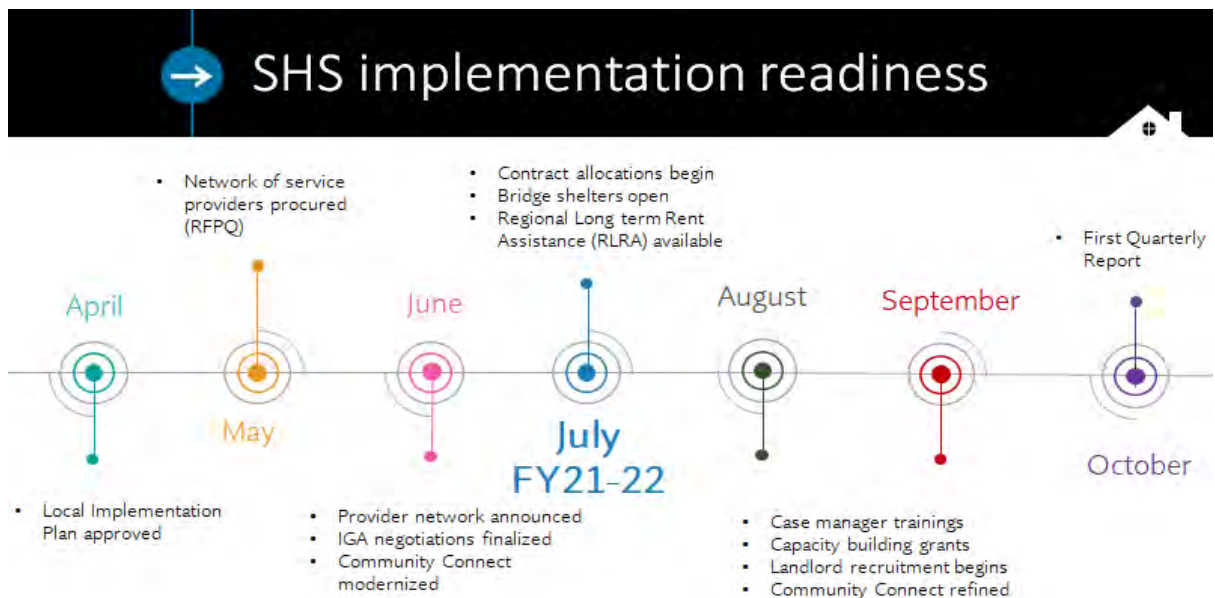
by the Good Neighbor Center, and Greater Good Northwest respectively, in partnership with Bienestar and the Urban League for culturally specific housing case management services,

- 2-3 multidisciplinary response teams that include peer support specialists, physical and mental health trained professionals, and housing case managers available to respond to people experiencing homelessness who are in the midst of crisis situations, and
- A modernized Community Connect coordinated entry system retooled to increase access, using a newly designed trauma-informed assessment to quickly connect people to case management and housing services and ensure they are receiving services adequate to their housing and health needs.

These new and expanded services will be launching over the summer months through contracts with service providers, including extensive training and technical assistance to support new case managers and partnering organizations.

The provision of SHS services is expected to continue expanding throughout the year with additional allocations of contracts to expand and create new programs. The goal is to build the new system of care through an iterative process with continued engagement, stakeholder feedback and program evaluation until the system sufficiently supports a rate of functional zero chronic homelessness in our community.

Below is a timeline representing recent, current and expected program activities in the early months of program implementation.





B. Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN) – Annette Evans  
**REPORT OF SECRETARY**  
**Report on Homelessness – Continuum of Care (CoC)**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Washington County responds to excessive heat to provide vulnerable populations with resources during record-setting triple-digit heat. This coordination with local city and nonprofit partner organizations provided cooling centers, hydration stations, extended hours of operation at libraries, and other hydration resources. Outreach engaged with homeless persons living on the street and in encampments to provide water and other services including information on local cooling center resources located throughout the County. The WingSpan (located on the Fairground Complex) operated from June 25 through June 29 serving 102 people and 41 pets with an average stay of 5 to 6 hours. Project Homeless Connect provided transportation and supports to assist homeless persons in accessing the WingSpan Cooling Center.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE FOR UNHOUSED POPULATIONS**

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Plan restrictions were lifted on June 30, 2021 following Governor Brown’s signing of [Executive Order No. 21-15](#) rescinding all remaining COVID-19 restrictions and continuing state efforts to support ongoing COVID-19 vaccination, response, and recovery efforts.

Four shelters providing an extension of the Winter Shelter system closed on June 30. Shelter participants were either transitioned into a new “Bridge Shelter Program” managed by the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Program or exited to other homeless program opportunities.

	Program Start and End Date	# People Served To-Date	# People Age ≤17 years (Child)	# People Age 18-44 Years (Adult)	# People Age 45+ years (Adult)	% Chronic* Homeless	% Persons of Color (Race)	% Persons of Color (Ethnicity)	# People Exit	% Exit to Housing	% Exit to Street/ Shelter	Avg. Length of Stay- Stayers (Days)	Avg. Length of Stay- Leavers (Days)
Winter Shelters: 200-beds [Funds: CARES CRF, EFSP; ESG; EHA; SHAP; and County \$]	11/15/2020 to 6/30/2021	535	7	274	254	37%	21%	18%	404	11%	89%	107	26

\*Chronic = A person with disabling condition(s) and experiencing 12 or more months of homelessness (4+ episodes over 3 years)

**HOMELESS SYSTEM FUNDING, CoC REPORTING AND ACTIVITIES**

The Federal [FY2021 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program](#) Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) was submitted to HUD on June 8 and seeks to renew \$4.2 million and positions the County to apply for new grant funds. HUD’s Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) is anticipated to be released in July or early August.

HUD released the [FY2022 HMIS Data Standards](#) that documents the requirements for programming and use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and comparable database systems for collection and reporting of homeless participants. HMIS vendors will begin working the software updates to be available to CoC’s by October 1. Data standard updates include revised



language for race/ethnicity, gender, mental health, and other elements, new coordinated entry elements, new CoC Program data elements, and updates system logic for general health and pregnancy status.

HUD awarded the Housing Authority of Washington County (HAWC) 86 vouchers for the new [Emergency Housing Voucher](#) (EHV) program, with the potential to increase the voucher request to more than 100 vouchers. The CoC Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the HAWC to provide services and supports for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in alignment with the EHV program. This new rent subsidy program will align with the Supportive Housing Services Program and other community-based resources to expand permanent supportive housing resources effective July 1, 2021.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The [Housing and Supportive Services Network \(HSSN\)](#) is a consortium of more than 60 agencies working collaboratively to deliver services and housing through an equity lens with outcomes measured by Federal and local metrics defined in *A Road Home*, the County’s strategic plan to end homelessness.

The July and August HSSN meetings will focus on eviction prevention. The statewide moratorium on evictions for nonpayment and evictions without cause ends on June 30, 2021. Starting July 1, rent is due every month, and tenants can face eviction for nonpayment if rent is not paid in time. Starting July 1, no-cause evictions that were allowed prior to the COVID pandemic are once again allowed. The Oregon Legislative Session 2021 approved [SB 282](#) and [SB 278](#) to provide important protections to helps tenants. The following is historic data on Eviction Court Cases filed:

Eviction Court Cases filed by Month	2021	2020	2019	2018
January	30	286	294	211
February	28	250	257	186
March	39	98	267	194
April	33	5	232	198
May	32	12	262	234
June		17	253	240
July		24	275	221
August		14	252	234
September		19	284	218
October		15	246	259
November		16	239	241
December		31	234	188
<b>Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>3095</b>	<b>2624</b>

Source: Washington County Civil Court Department

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July 7, 8:30 a.m.

- Mike Savara and Lauren Dressen, OHCS Housing Stabilization Division  
“*Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance and Alita Software Demonstration*”
- Ms. Theresa Rostampour, Boys & Girls Aid  
“*Education Reengagement Program*”

August 4, 8:30 a.m.

- Amanda Caffall, The Common Law Center  
“*Tenant Eviction Defense Program*”

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPEN DISCUSSION – 4:15 P.M.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – 4:30 P.M.**