

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee

**Thursday, July 16, 2020
2:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM**

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

Chairperson Elect: *Kara Radecki, 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 16 Meeting Agenda.
- III. **ACTION - APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2:40 P.M. .**
 - A. **ACTION**: Approve the January 16 Meeting Minutes.
- IV. **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – 2:45 P.M.**
- V. **NEW BUSINESS – 2:50 P.M.**
 - A. Passage of Measure 26-210: Metro Housing Services Levy – Jes Larson, Metro (25 minutes)
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 - B. Washington County Metro Levy Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Timeline – Annette Evans, Washington County (10 minutes)
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 - E. COVID Response and Recovery – Kemp Shuey & Annette Evans (5 minutes)
- VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 3:50 P.M.**
 - A. Regional Emergency Shelter Report – Annette Evans (5 minutes)
 - B. Committee Vacancies: Philanthropy & Hospital/Healthcare – Rachael Duke (5 minutes)
 - C. Lack of Affordable Housing and Impact to Employers
 - a. Open discussion.
- VII. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES – 4:15 P.M.**
 - A. Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN) – Annette Evans
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4:25 P.M.**
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT – 4:30 P.M.**



MINUTES

HOMELESS PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY January 16, 2020

Washington County Services Center East – Room 195
3700 SW Murray Boulevard, Beaverton, Oregon

A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Brenda Christoffer	Kemp Shuey
Carol C. Herron*	Komi Kalevor
Dick Schouten	Phillip Williams
Elena Uhing	Sarah Huggins Smith
Erroll McCrea	Steven Berger
Jeff Hindley	Vera Stoulil
Kara Radecki	

B. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Rachael Duke
Talia Buchsbaum

C. STAFF PRESENT

Annette Evans
Vara Fellger

D. GUESTS PRESENT

Brandon Schrader
Blake Nelson
Christian Kaylor
Megan Person

*Attended via telephone.

Chairperson Vera Stoulil called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS – A quorum is present.

II. ACTION – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve agenda.
Action: Elena Uhing
Second: Dick Schouten
Vote: Approved, unanimously.

III. ACTION – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Approve minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting.
Action: Kara Radecki
Second: Steven Berger
Vote: Approved, unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Low Income Employment and Housing Implications
Christian Kaylor & Brandon Schrader, Economists from the Oregon
Employment Department presented their report for Washington County,



comparing it to Portland's economic and housing trends and noting, contrary to popular belief, Washington County's rental prices were very similar to the City of Portland. Housing developers in both regions were struggling to catch up to demand from the high number of jobs created in their respective regions over the past ten years; however, housing needs were diametrically different as a result of changing demographics over the same period. Housing developers in Portland were building less single-family homes and more multi-family units than in the past and those multi-family units went to studio, one and two-bedroom units, reflecting the low inventory of 2-3+ bedroom units. In contrast, Washington County demographics demanded more single-family homes and larger multi-family units resulting in the lack of studio and 1-bedroom units. He closed by saying that even with the robust economic growth in both regions, he considered Portland an economic failure of the middle class, with Washington County not far behind. Incomes on the higher end were setting the pace for affordable rents which created a shortage of an available workforce and stifling growth. In contrast, he considered Salem an economic success, having found a way to grow their middle-income jobs by an equivalent percentage as their highest income category. People making \$50,000 - \$60,000 per year could afford to live in Salem and conversely businesses in Salem could continue to grow because they had a pool of people to fill jobs due to the affordable housing available in the area. The full presentation is available at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/a-road-home.cfm>.

Annette Evans inquired about the drivers for the sale of one-bedroom units in Portland (44% of overall sales in Q4 2019) and whether it was due to older stock being moved out of inventory as rent prices leveled off and repairs came due?

Christian felt the lack of larger bedroom units in Portland may reflect the market demand for the housing prototype as reflected in the types of units bought and sold in the City of Portland compared to neighboring counties. Large housing developers see the Portland real estate market in general as a good investment because of its high economic growth and return on investment, especially in light of the current interest rate.

Annette Evans further inquired whether out-of-state investors had an economic impact in the region with rent being paid to a landlord residing outside of state.

Christian felt smaller developers were more selective in their projects and hesitant to invest in areas known to have regulatory issues and tax increases. They typically didn't have the financial cushion that larger developers had at their disposal.



Elena Uhing observed Portland reflected a younger demographic who were choosing not to have children and wanted more of a studio lifestyle rather than single family home ownership. Washington County, in contrast, was seeing an increase of younger families moving into the area who were looking for single family home ownership or larger multi-family units. Forest Grove, for example, was looking to increase their inventory of 3+ bedroom multi-family units rather than studio and one and two-bedroom units.

Christian acknowledged data showed young families preferred to live in Washington County where single-family homes were more affordable.

Elena Uhing noted the 3.2% unemployment rate in Washington County did not include those who had dropped out of the system and would like to see more comprehensive data.

Christian felt the unemployment rate alone did not convey the true state of the economy. During recessionary times (2004-2005 and 2009-2010), people did not leave Oregon to look for work, and in fact, people continued to come to Oregon, which increased the unemployment rate during those times, but the economy improved faster than other states because businesses had an available pool of workers to fill jobs. Currently, there is not a shortage of workers per se, but a shortage of affordable housing in areas where work was available and workers choosing not to take those positions as a result. Businesses cannot grow if they can't find enough people to fill jobs which will have an effect on the region's economic growth over time. Cities across the nation, with a lower cost of living (which includes housing costs), are growing at a faster rate than Oregon.

Christian noted, Washington County's top third and bottom third income tiers saw the largest increase in employment growth over the past ten years while the middle third (construction, non-high-tech manufacturing and government) saw the smallest. In Washington County, the Professional and Business Services sector saw the highest job increase in the top income tier and provided the highest incomes in the state, which skewed the average income for the county and contributed to the increased rents in the region. In contrast, one of the fastest growing industries in the lower income tier, Residential Nursing Facilities, whose Certified Nursing Assistants averaged an hourly rate of only \$15 per hour, placed households in the low and very low-income levels.

Elena Uhing wondered how Salem met their housing needs, whether they had a larger housing growth period which allowed more development.

Christian suspected the supply of housing permits in Salem probably matched the rate of job growth. In Portland, between 2012-2015, developers couldn't build the buildings fast enough compared to the number of jobs that were



created during that same time period causing the increased housing prices. It wasn't until 2017 when they were finally able to increase supply enough to bring rent prices under control and that we started to see rent prices levelling off.

Annette Evans inquired whether an analysis could be done of multifamily units owned by local, private/non-profit landlords vs. large, out-of-state developers in Marion, Polk & Yamhill counties?

Christian was not aware of any property ownership tracking but believed supply was the key to leveling prices and that regulatory and tax issues prevented housing from being built.

Elena Uhing was interested in learning about Salem's permitting process so that Washington County could model it to potentially decrease the time and cost to build.

Christian was also interested in digging further into Salem's data and will share his results.

B. Election of HPAC Officers – Vera Stouilil

Chair Stouilil notified the board this was her last meeting as Chair and Rachael Duke, as Chairperson Elect, was moving into the Chair position for a 2-year term, creating a vacancy for the Chairperson Elect position. The Secretary position currently held by Komi Kalevor, was also expiring at the end of January. She solicited for interest in assuming either of the positions.

Motion: Appoint Kara Radecki as Chairperson Elect and Komi Kalevor as Secretary, each for a 2-year term beginning February 1, 2020.

Action: Elena Uhing

Second: Dick Schouten

Vote: Approved, unanimously.

C. Committee Vacancies: Philanthropy & Hospital/Healthcare – Vera Stouilil

Chair Stouilil reported Roberto Franco resigned his position on the board to accept a position with Oregon Housing and Community Services. As a result, the HPAC has two (2) vacant board positions, Philanthropy, and Hospital/Healthcare and solicited assistance in recruiting for those positions.

Elena Uhing inquired whether Tuality/OHSU had been approached?

Annette Evans reported someone from that organization had previously sat on the Board and she was hoping for a contact at Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Clinic who was the only Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC) in Washington County.



Commissioner Schouten suggested Serena Cruz, Executive Director at the Virginia Garcia Foundation.

D. Regional Emergency Shelter Report – Annette Evans

Annette reported Washington County has identified a critical gap in the homeless system for an emergency shelter serving adult-only households. A stakeholder group was convened in November with over 30 people attending who were broken into focus groups to address key areas: (1) Location. It was determined the shelter should be located in either Hillsboro, Beaverton, Forest Grove and Tigard, where the majority of Adult-Only households were found; (2) Re-Program an existing shelter facility or leverage a vacant building/property to build on or renovate. Renovation of a city/county owned property was the most feasible option. Annette was working with Kristie Bollinger of Washington County Facilities to find a county property that might be appropriate; (3) What agencies would operate the shelter - several were named (Community Action Organization (CAO), Transition Projects (TPI), St Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, Just Compassion); (4) How big would the shelter need to be. Given the 200-300 Adult-Only homeless on any given night, the shelter would need to have capacity for 50+ individuals, and (5) Where would operating funds come from. Annette has included funds in the County 2020/2021 budget for potential operating funds.

The initial thought was to acquire capital funds for either renovation or construction through the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) NOFA to be available in Spring; however, the NOFA required the project be developed within one year (land prepped, permits issued and construction) or have a building ready to renovate which was an aggressive schedule. Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington County continuum lead agencies have been in discussion regarding a regional application for the \$3.5 million State of Oregon funds. In looking at the numbers and how funding would be shared not only between the urban counties, but their rural counterparts across the state, it was questionable whether \$500,000 was enough to build a shelter. Brenda Durbin of Clackamas County would take questions with regard to the application to the State of Oregon for further clarification on behalf of all three counties.

Kemp Shuey agreed scalability was the biggest concern and that all three counties were struggling to find a project for shelter that was shovel-ready and were concerned about the funding and whether it was enough.

Commissioner Schouten shared the Board of County Commissioners have discussed adding funds for homeless populations in the Public Safety Local Option Levy proposed for the May ballot, and to possibly find additional General Fund dollars for homeless programs.



Annette acknowledged it would require a coordinated effort but noted homelessness was becoming a higher priority with the increase of citizen complaints for law enforcement and Washington County Facilities to remove homeless from public streets and sidewalks. With the City of Boise's failed Appeal of the Martin vs. Boise ruling, Washington County would currently be in violation when requiring people to move without having a place for them to go.

Megan Person suggested, in light of trying to utilize a smaller budget, we might consider engaging the very people we are trying to serve to help come up with ideas about the design of a facility and one that they might actually use. She has heard some inspiring designs coming out of that community and offered to connect with Annette to discuss her observations further.

Annette shared severe weather shelters have already served 414 homeless individuals in the first two months, exceeding where they were last year and reinforced the need for additional capacity.

Kemp Shuey agreed the greatest need from a homeless perspective was for single adults and that in Washington County the majority of rental units available were skewed toward families and not smaller units. He was interested in seeing what impact more availability of smaller units might have on the homeless population and the need for shelter.

Annette asked Komi Kalevor whether Willow Creek's studio and one-bedroom units were leasing up quicker than other units.

Komi responded that 40 of the 120 units were studios and one-bedroom units but it was difficult to tell if they were leasing up quicker. Unfortunately, the Metro Bond was requiring half of the units go toward 2+ bedroom units.

E. Metro Bond Update – Komi Kalevor

The local implementation strategy and governmental agreements have been completed. A NOFA is expected to be issued shortly inviting non-profit and for-profit developers to submit their development ideas, including those with apartments or land for sale.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Lack of Affordable Housing and Impact to Employers – Annette Evans

The Washington County Office of Community Development (OCD) was in conversation with Commissioner Treece, Executive Director of Westside Economic Alliance about what it would take to have a housing conversation with the business community. Annette will be meeting with OCD to learn the outcome of that conversation. She was hoping to have a platform to bring today's economic presentation to the business sector, whether it was through the Westside Economic Alliance or BESThq.



Brenda Christoffer provided an overview of BESThq, an entrepreneurial incubator organization providing support and services to their 200-300 business members. Washington County had a presence at their annual Business Expo West event held at BESThq headquarters in Beaverton on April 4, 2019 which had attendance of over 100 local businesses (contractors, developers, service providers) and 500 individuals. The organization also hosted a 1-1/2 hour informational session on Building Community for Affordable Housing on April 25 2019 where Annette Evans, Mandi Ludlam of Community Housing Fund, Rachael Duke of Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH), and Cadence Petros of the City of Beaverton all gave presentations. In retrospect, it was difficult to know whether the organization was the right audience/platform from which to launch the “lack of affordable housing and impact to employer’s” conversation.

Chair Stoulil inquired what the next logical steps might be following the conversations Christian had with employers when they learned affordable housing was the primary reason they were unable to fill jobs.

Christian felt businesses were struggling with more immediate issues of turnover and recruitment in a low unemployment economy. They understood the big picture but were not at a point of doing anything about it. He felt there was a great opportunity to get in front of HR Departments of companies who were larger, paid a solid wage, but not at the level of an Intel Corporation, to help them begin to understand that affordable housing was a human resource issue. He has seen employers coming together to push for joint issues and thought this might be one of those issues if we were successful in making the case.

Elena Uhing felt it all came down to providing economic data to employers that supported a costs savings long term in employee retention if they spent money on housing now instead of continually spending money on retraining and recruiting as a result of turnover.

Brenda Christoffer felt it was the smaller employers that were struggling with finding employees and for whom it was a human resource issue.

Chair Stoulil wondered if we shouldn’t reach out to HR associations or professional organizations in order to get before them.

Christian mentioned he would be the keynote speaker at Portland HR Management Association’s (PHRMA) February meeting and will float the idea to them at that time to see if there is any interest in having him come back at a future meeting to present the *Low Income Employment and Housing Implications* presentation.



Rather than trying to add an economic presentation to a Board of Commissioners already busy work session, Annette thought having Christian present at a Westside Economic Alliance meeting with an invitation to Commissioners to the meeting, might be more effective and draw more attendance.

Commissioner Schouten agreed that when Philip Mangano spoke at the Westside Economic Alliance, it was a turning point for the issue of homelessness.

VII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

- A. Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN) – Annette Evans
Annette referred the board to her report provided in the meeting packet and solicited comments or questions. She also reported HUD announced a partial award to Washington County on January 14 for Tier 1 Priority Projects which included two new projects: Re-Entry Housing Program to provide 20 units of rent assistance to literally homeless justice involved individuals and Sojourner's House to provide an additional 10 units to victims of domestic violence. Funding awards were still pending for a portion of the renewal Shelter Plus Care project request and the new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Bonus Program. Tier 2 announcements may be delayed as the Tier 1 awards did not include the most recent Fair Market Rent Increases (FMR). She thanked all of the community partners that were involved in the effort.

She further reported Safe Haven, a Luke-Dorf program with 10 beds, would not be funded after February 29. The project included a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant, however, requiring Washington County to be committed to provide subsidy for homeless persons through the partner agency for 20 years. The project will be converted to 6 SRO units to provide a private room for individuals who were dually diagnosed with highly acute chronicity.

Steven Berger inquired whether the award was an increase from last year.

Annette responded, last year's award, including Tier 2, was for \$3.8 million. This year, with Tier 2, we will be at \$4.1 million if fully funded.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Komi Kalevor announced Washington County Housing Service's *2018-2019 Report to the Community* was available online at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/reports.cfm> for board members to review.



- Annette thanked Vera Stoullil for her time as Chair of the board and announced she will remain in her Citizen-at-Large position.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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



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COVID-19 RESPONSE FOR UNHOUSED POPULATIONS

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Plan. Washington County moved into Phase 1 Re-opening on 6/1/2020 with key strategies identified to prevent disease transmission within the houseless population. The Comfort Inn Respite Shelter operations are extended through 8/31/2020 to provide isolation for COVID+/COVID symptomatic or quarantine shelter due to COVID exposure. The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) identified three strategies that will receive \$1.7 Million in County CARES Act funds to:

- 1) Re-open the Family Promise shelters closed/reduced capacity in compliance with Governor Brown’s Executive Order 20-12 “Stay Home, Stay Safe” that closed churches who provide the shelter space and staffing. Prior to the COVID pandemic, the Family Promise shelters served 11 households at any point in time and will re-open to provide 30 households with shelter using hotel rooms in lieu of church facilities;
- 2) Create a Safe Sleep Village project to provide 50 houseless persons with a sanctioned tent model to provide physical distancing and sanitation for houseless campers living in encampments with 20 or more people; and
- 3) Create hotel voucher program for 20 high-risk houseless households residing in encampments.
- 4) RV Parking and/or placing of sanitation equipment co-located near campsites – and funding to extend Safe Sleep Village, as needed.



PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) ACTIVITIES

Metro Measure 26-210 Regional Supportive Housing Services Program was passed by the voters on 5/19/2020. The Board of County Commissioners received a presentation at the 6/16/2020 Board Work session to review the proposed timeline for community engagement, development of the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) and signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Metro. Revenue is anticipated in 2nd quarter of 2021. More information is available on the Metro website at <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/supportive-housing-services>.

Metro has convened a Stakeholder Advisory Committee to develop the Metro framework for counties to prepare Local Implementation Plans (LIP). The Metro Stakeholder Advisory Committee includes regional representatives. Representing Washington County on this committee is: Katherine Galian, Community Action; Rich Roell, Lifeworks Northwest; Bianeth Valdez, HomePlate Youth Services; Rosemary "Rowie" Taylor, DVRC; and Brantley Dettmer, Kaiser and WEA President.

Washington County will lead the Community Engagement and development of the LIP. The Washington County LIP Committee will leverage and align stakeholders from the Continuum of Care (CoC), the Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC), culturally specific and other service providers to perform gaps analysis, identify priority needs and develop strategies for inclusion in the LIP.

HOUSELESS SYSTEM FUNDING, REPORTING AND ACTIVITIES

Built for Zero (BfZ) is a national initiative aimed at ending chronic homelessness through a comprehensive list of persons and, prioritizing the most vulnerable for housing. A By-Name Case Conferencing List is prepared using data extrapolated from HMIS that is prioritized by vulnerability/assessment score and length of time homeless. The By-Name List will track inflow (new) and outflow (recently housed or no longer in the community) data. Supporting this work is the creation of geographic outreach coverage to "know all persons by-name" experiencing episodic and chronic homelessness.

- In the first 4-months of implementation, 31 adults with nearly 100 years of homelessness moved into permanent supportive housing.
- Current challenge is gaps in permanent supportive housing subsidy to continue leasing as the CoC Program is over-leased. Working to rehouse chronic homeless disabled persons 50 years and older on the Kaiser Metro 300 program.



<https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/by-name-case-conferencing.cfm>

OHCS and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) convene statewide data sharing forum. In recognition of the need for consistent and accurate data gathering and statewide reporting to inform policy choices regarding homelessness, SB 5512 Budget Note provides that OHCS will report on options to implement a statewide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) that enables clear outcome tracking. A series of monthly stakeholder meetings have been held to collect best practices, assess current HMIS and technical infrastructure and develop a recommendation by the end of June 2020.

Washington County Measure 34-296 Public Safety Levy was approved by voters on 5/19/2020 to replace the current levy set to expire on 6/30/2021. The levy funds nearly \$1 million annually to operate low-barrier family and youth shelters and will include new funds to provide short-term rent assistance to re-house survivors of domestic violence in a Sojourner’s House program.

2020 Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Census reports an increase with 618 sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families on 1/22/2020. The CoC Board approved the PIT submittal to HUD following review of the demographics to include racial disparities with 22% communities of color and an increasing number of people experiencing chronic homelessness, disabling conditions that report substance use disorder as the leading disability, and an increase in adults age 62 years and older experiencing homelessness. To view the PIT data, please visit online at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/homeless-data-and-point-in-time-activities.cfm>

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Emergency Shelter for Adult-only Households remains a significant gap with zero year-round beds for adults in Washington County. This initiative has been placed on hold due to the COVID-19 response and the OHCS delay in releasing a Notice of Funding Available. The Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) levy may be identified as a funding source to address this critical need in our local CoC. Clackamas County is addressing a similar critical gap in their CoC and looking at the use of Metro SHS funds to address the gap.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4:25 P.M.

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