



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

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

**Wednesday, August 3, 2016 ~ 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.**

>>> The Beaverton Building at “The Beaverton Round”, Third Floor Training Room <<<  
12725 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton, OR 97005-1641

**AGENDA**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 8:35 a.m. .... Action Item**

**III. GENERAL BUSINESS: 8:40 a.m.**

- FY2016 CoC Program NOFA Timeline – Target submittal of application by September 13, 2016. Ranking of new and renewal projects valued at \$3,172,470.
- FY2016 CoC Program Request For Proposals (RFP) for new Permanent Housing project not to exceed \$161,643. The RFP was published July 9, with rating of project proposal(s) at the August 3 HSSN meeting ..... Action Item

Project Proposal(s):

1. *RISE: Re-housing In Support of Employment* sponsored by Community Action Organization

- Adopt HUD CPD-16-11 Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing (Supersedes previous adopted HUD 14-12)..... Action Item

- HSSN Governance – Election to fill vacant position announced June 29, with nominations closing July 20 ..... Action Item

HSSN Workgroup (CoC Board)	Current Slate of Nominees
Position: Chronic Homeless Representative Term ends 6/30/2019	1. <i>Kara Radecki, Luke-Dorf, Inc.</i>

- Adopt CoC Planning Calendar 8/2016 through 7/2017..... Action Item
- Adopt the Year 9 Work Plan Implementing the Goals and Strategies of *A Road Home: 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness*..... Action Item

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

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Guest Speaker(s): Ms. Bandana Shrestha, Director of Community Engagement for AARP Oregon

Comments or questions regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans at 503-846-4760

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**Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County**  
Beaverton Building  
June 1, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

**Goal: Housing and supportive service agencies working to bring a broad spectrum of organizations together as partners in the community to secure funding and other resources needed in providing a continuum of care for individuals and families who are homeless or with special needs.**

**ATTENDEES:**

Adams, Jessica—Community Action Organization	Linder, April—Housing Independence
Blaker, Ann—Bienestar	Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development
Bradley-Tschirgi, Evanna—Domestic Violence Res. Ctr.	McKenna, Marielle—HomePlate
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Nelson, Barbara—Community Volunteers
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Orr, Patrick—Cascade AIDS Project
Burton, Valerie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Clevidence, Veronica—Washington County Housing Svcs	Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison, Homeless Ed. Network
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro	Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.
Colpean, Robert—Washington County HHS Mental Health	Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization
Davis, Randall—Washington County Reentry Council	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Duke, Rachael—Community Partners for Afford. Housing	Schnitzer, Cole—Veterans Administration
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change	Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Seward, Michelle—LifeWorks NW
Foran, Celina—Community Action Organization	Sullivan, Brenda—Bridges to Change
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Taylor, Molly—Oregon Dept. of Human Svcs Child Welfare
Groesz, Joshua—Salvation Army Veterans and Family Ctr.	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living and DEAR
Howard, Ed—Dual Diagnosis of Oregon, WC Reentry	Thomas, Josh—Washington Co. HHS Residential Specialist
Huggins-Smith, Sarah—Family Promise	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton
LaMarche, Meredith—Washington Cty HHS Mental Health	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services
Layton, Amber—HomePlate	Williamson, Drew—Boys and Girls Aid

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

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**II. GUEST SPEAKER**

**Community Restoration Program serving people who due to mental illness are found unable to aid and assist in criminal cases**

Mr. Robert Colpean, MSW, and Ms. Meredith LaMarche, MA, Washington County Forensic Mental Health

Robert Colpean explained that he has been working with Washington County Mental Health for 6 years, and recently moved from the position of Jail Liaison to Program Coordinator for the Community Restoration Program. Prior to that, he worked for the Jail in the Medical Department. Meredith LaMarche served on the Washington County Crisis team for 3 years, the Civil Commitment Team for 5 years, and most recently worked as a Protective Services Investigator. On July 1, 2016, Meredith will transition to her new position as the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) Forensic Coordinator for the Community Restoration Program.

When people who are accused of a crime appear unable to aid and assist in their own defense due to a compromised mental status, the defense attorney can ask that the court

issue an order under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 161.365 which allows an evaluation to determine whether defendants are competent to stand trial. If the result of the evaluation is that the person is not able to aid and assist in his or her current state, the judge may order the individual remanded to the state hospital to be restored to competency. This order is known as a "370," and defendants are referred to as "370 patients." This is different from those found guilty by reason of insanity, as 370 patients have not been convicted of a crime.

Regardless of the number of charges, the defendant cannot be held longer than three years, or for a period of time equal to the maximum sentence the court could have imposed if convicted, whichever is shorter. This time cannot be extended, though the judge can order another round of aid and assist for more serious crimes.

OSH is at 120% of budgeted capacity for aid and assist beds (capacity is 184, with over 220 current residents). Civil commitment units at the hospital have had to house forensic 370 patients, which means civil commitment patients are put on a wait list for state hospital placement, causing back-up in acute care wards and emergency departments. The 370 patients are segregated from the general population, and though the hospital has the capacity to expand, it lacks necessary funding. A stay at OSH costs the state about \$700 per day, or around a quarter million annually. There are currently 19 residents in Washington County's 370 program at OSH, with an average of 15-19 370 patients at a time.

370 patients are not treated until recovery, and are not given the opportunity to build long-term skills. It is different from civil commitment; patients are usually tested every month or so after initial admission to the hospital and are discharged as soon as they pass the legal skills exam. There are three outcomes: Able, Not Able, and Never Able. Those deemed Able go back to jail and their charges are adjudicated. Not Able indicates a need for further treatment, and Never Able means they cannot be restored to competency and go to trial. In these cases, the charges can be dropped if they are never found competent to stand trial.

Community Restoration was started as a partnership between OSH and Multnomah, Lane and Marion Counties. Originally Washington County opted out of the program, but as the program proved to be a success, the legislature decided to institute the policy state wide by passing House Bill 2420, which took effect on January 1, 2016. Essentially, the bill requires individuals that are charged with a misdemeanor or Class C felony and are unable to aid and assist in their own defense be interviewed by the Community Mental Health Program Director or designee. The interview determines whether services, supports and supervision are available in the community to divert the individual from the state hospital to the community for restoration. There is more than \$3.7 million to support the program, which is being distributed to the six Oregon counties with the most people in OHS, including Douglas, Klamath, Lane, Marion, Multnomah, and Washington counties. The remaining counties will have the opportunity to invoice against more than \$1.2 million of the funding, and \$0.2 million is contingent upon decreasing 370 bed use at OSH. Washington County officially launched its Community Restoration Program on May 1, 2016, and in addition to Robert and Meredith's positions, a part-time employee will be hired to provide needed evaluations, legal skills classes, and administrative time.

With the new system, when someone is ordered to have an initial mental health evaluation, a judge's order is submitted to evaluate that individual's eligibility for Community Restoration. In order to qualify, the individual must be relatively stable and agreeable to the program, willing to take prescribed medications and participate in ongoing outpatient treatment, have a place to live or be able to be housed using existing resources, and must not have a primary substance abuse disorder, which contributes to a higher risk of relapse and elopement from the program. People can initially be deemed inappropriate for the

program, but may stabilize at OSH much faster than they are able to fully learn the legal skills. These people can be removed from OSH and placed in the community to complete the legal skills training as outpatients.

The Community Restoration Program keeps the defendant connected to services and supports in the community, opens up OSH beds for people who require hospital-level care, and is a more economically feasible option for attaining legal skills. The goal is to have people in the least restrictive environments, working on their recovery within the community framework and utilizing resources that are in place.

Barbara Nelson asked what kind of housing is being sought for those leaving the program. Robert responded that any kind of housing is helpful, even hotel rooms if necessary. Josh Thomas added that the state isn't interested in building any additional licensed structures. The county is looking at options, including finding a provider who would operate a room and board site, but it's challenging to find a provider willing and able to provide these services. The Rental Assistance Program has had some success in finding housing for those with barriers; this might be a similar process. There aren't statistics on how many are homeless when entering the program, but Robert estimates at least half.

Annette Evans asked Robert and Meredith to return in about six months and provide an update on the program.

## II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the May 4, 2016, HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

## III. GENERAL BUSINESS

### **FY2015 CoC Program Grant Award \$3,393,016 and HUD Debrief on Application**

#### **Scoring**

Annette Evans reported on the FY2015 Grant Award HUD application debrief. Washington County scored high this year. Nationally, \$1.9 billion was awarded with 80 projects throughout the nation not being renewed; over half were Transitional Housing projects. Continuums that scored well were those that shifted money from transitional housing to permanent housing. Other criteria contributing to higher scores were ranking and rating projects using performance measures and use of Housing First. Washington County has three projects that do not utilize Housing First, which may have contributed to a loss of points. Washington County's overall homelessness and chronic homelessness are both on the rise, and the county also fell short in system performance and CoC engagement. Sequoia now has a Supported Employment Program, and the CoC needs to focus on replicating and integrating more employment focus and case management in its programs, which should align with the Workforce Opportunities Investment Act and make a difference going forward. Other areas for the county to focus on are length of stay, exits to permanent housing, and those becoming homeless for the first time.

### **FY2016 CoC Program \$2,937,427 in Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)**

The next application will open in July, and Annette Evans submitted a renewal demand for \$2.9 million. CoC funding for the Washington County Transitional Housing program will end on June 30, 2017, and the money will be reallocated in the next grant cycle. Annette will keep the HSSN posted on the new application process, which will include requests for proposals.

### **HSSN Governance – Election of positions**

Katherine Galian presented the one nominee for Public Representative for the HSSN Chair was Annette Evans.

**Motion:** Elect Annette Evans to HSSN Chair for a two-year term from 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2018.  
**Action:** Judy Werner  
**Second:** Gordon Teifel  
**Vote:** Approved, unanimous.

Katherine presented the following nominees for election to the HSSN Workgroup:  
Faith-Based Representative – Judy Werner, Lutheran Community Services, NW  
Homeless/Formerly Homeless Representative – Pat Rogers, Community Action  
Housing Authority Representative – Adolph “Val” Valfre, Jr.  
Mental Health Provider Representative – Marcia Hille, Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.  
Veterans Representative – Cole Schnitzer, US Veterans Affairs

**Motion:** Elect the nominees above to the HSSN Workgroup for four-year terms from 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2020.  
**Action:** Gordon Teifel  
**Second:** Jack Schwab  
**Vote:** Approved, unanimous.

### **Guest Speakers for CoC Planning Calendar 8/2016 through 6/2017**

At the August 12, 2016 meeting, the HSSN Workgroup will review the CoC planning calendar. Annette would appreciate ideas for guest speakers that would assist the HSSN in its work. Annette reported AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) will present on September 7, 2016. The Governor’s Commission on Seniors has also been asked to present, but no confirmation has been received.

### **HSSN Summer Meeting Schedule**

Although the HSSN Workgroup proposed not meeting in August, there are now items that need to be discussed and voted on. There may be a new grant application, the Year 9 Work Plan needs to be adopted, and Requests for Proposals may need to be made. The HSSN agreed to reconvene in August after taking July off.

### **Year 8 and Year 9 Work Plans**

Annette Evans requested everyone review the Year 8 Work Plan and submit updates by July 15, 2016. The report will be reviewed by the HSSN in September, and the Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) will review in October and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. Any additions to the Year 9 Work Plan should be brought to the August HSSN meeting for discussion and approval for submission for the CDBG funding cycle.

## **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Gordon Teifel announced work is going strong on the Pedcor Sunset View Apartments project.
- Jesse Adams announced the Community Action Energy and Rent Assistance program has plenty of energy assistance funds available, and asked that those in need be sent to the program. People can apply online at [www.caowash.org](http://www.caowash.org) or by calling 503-615-0771.

- Joshua Groesz announced the Salvation Army Veteran and Family Center just hired a new Case Manager, Charles (Chuck) Simpson, and the Assistant Director is leaving. They will also be posting an opening for Facilities Manager.
- Valerie Bundy announced Monika's House will be hiring overnight staff.
- Randall Davis announced the Washington County Reentry Council is redoing their website from the ground up, and he is trying to recruit people with a passion for helping those in reentry. If interested, email Randall at wa.co.reentry@outlook.com.
- Celina Foran announced Community Action will offer a Rent Well class starting June 28, 2016. To register, call 503-726-0821 starting June 21, 2016.
- Marielle McKenna announced HomePlate will host its annual kickball fundraiser on Sunday, June 5, 2016. They are still looking for volunteers and invite all to come watch.
- Amber Layton announced Homeplate just hired a Spanish-speaking outreach worker, Bianeth Valdez, to reach out to the Latino communities in the area.
- Alan Trunnell announced that for those looking to help people with barriers find employment, Home Depot seems open to hiring from a wide range of skillsets. He will contact Home Depot for more information on how they accomplish this.
- Tami Cockeram announced City of Hillsboro is hiring a CDBG Coordinator.
- Sarala Ram announced the CODA Tigard Outreach Program is hiring an Integrated Behavior Health Specialist to assist with the Suboxone program. She added that there is a CODA site that houses those found not guilty by reason of insanity.
- Evanna Bradley-Tschirgi announced she is moving to the position of Child and Youth Counselor within the Domestic Violence Resource Center, and Clara Mandujano will be replacing her as Case Manager for Monika's House and Mary Mac House starting the week of June 6, 2016.
- Annette Evans announced there is a need to create hygiene kits for the Sheriff's office to distribute to the homeless while on patrol. If anyone has contacts for supplying these kits, please contact Annette.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m. The next meeting is August 3, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

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