



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87026904312?pwd=T095aXo5OXVvZFR6SINgZFd6Z0lpUT09>

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AGENDA

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. **GUEST SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Gretchen Caplener and Kelsey Streeter, Washington County Public Health Public Health Response to COVID-19
- III. **MEETING MINUTES: 8:55 a.m.**
 - **Action:** Approve the August 5 meeting minutes.
- IV. **REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:00 a.m.**
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - Children (Homeless Education Network) – David Pero
 - Youth – Drew Williamson
 - Homeless Outreach – Pat Rogers
 - DD Dialogue – Gordon Teifel
 - Veterans and Seniors – Yvette Potter
 - HSSN CoC Board – Annette Evans
 - Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) – Annette Evans
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Angela Mullins
- V. **GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:20 a.m.**
 - \$3,837,090 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) submitted to HUD on 8/18/2020 in preparation for FY2020 CoC Program Grant Application
 - Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Levy
 - CARES Act Renters Relief and Homeless Prevention Assistance Programs
 - Severe Weather Shelter Response Plan for Winter 2020-21
- VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2020

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

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County

August 5, 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:

Angeles, Nic—Housing Independence
Bailey, Lisa—City of Beaverton
Barnes, Sierra—Bridge Meadows
Blaylock, Mark—Bridges to Change
Brownell, Amy—Ecumenical Ministries-Metro Homeshare
Burnette, Amanda--DVRC
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program
Carrillo, Josh—Northwest Housing Alternatives
Coppiano, Zoi—Community Action Organization
Demry, James—Bridges to Change
Donner, Crystal—Community Action Organization
Dwyer, DaNene—Portland Community College
Emrick, Hannah—Boys & Girls Aid
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services
Farr, Danielle—WC Health & Human Services
Fellger, Vara—WC Housing Services
Fox, Karen—City of Tualatin
Franco, Magali—OHSU-Tuality Alliance
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization
Greene, Jacen—PSU-HCAC
Guajardo, Roumaldo—Community Action Organization
Hageman, Heidi—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Hearn, Liz—CPAH
Hunsacker, Naomi—WC Health and Human Services
Jones, KarenAlice—WC Office of Community Development
Lamberger, Katie—DHS SSP
Laubach, Elise—Ecumenical Ministries Oregon
Lloyd, Rhonda—Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center
Longua, Patricia—WC Office of Community Development
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
McLaughlin, Michelle—Love, Inc.
Mullins, Angela—WC Housing Services
Penney, Darcie—DVRC
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison/HEN
Potter, Yvette—WC Dept of Aging & Veteran Services
Proctor, Jennie—WC Office of Community Development
Ramage, Marie—WC Veteran Treatment Court
Rasmussen, Virginia—Bridges to Change
Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization
Schaeffer-Bischt, Blair—WorkSystems, Inc.
Smith, Gary—US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Soneoulay-Gillespie, Toc--CareOregon
Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home
Rowie Taylor--DVRC
Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living & DEAR
Tirado, Sabrina—Community Action Organization
Valdez, Bianeth—HomePlate Youth Services
Valencia-Aguilar, Mari—WC Office of Community Dev.
Valfre, Val—City of Forest Grove
Von Tersch, Meghan--CAP
Waltschew, Ivana—Community Action Organization
Warden, Katie—Americorp
Welch, Lexi—DHS
Williams, Carrie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Williams, Natalie—WC Office of Community Development
Woodford, Amber--

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative, annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative, kgalian@caowash.org

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. GUEST SPEAKER

Virginia Rasmussen, Bridges To Change, Tri-County Mobile “Rise Outreach Team”

Partnering with CareOregon, the Tri-County Outreach Team was launched on July 15 to provide mobile services to people with significant barriers to getting the care they need from traditional office-based services. The team consists of nine (9) peer support specialists, three (3) behavioral health therapists and Virginia Rasmussen, the Program Manager. Anyone 18 years or older in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties experiencing severe and chronic barriers to accessing services and navigating systems of care can

receive recovery support, counseling, basic first aid, connection to medical care, basic living supplies, assistance with job development and resources for additional assistance such as food stamps and housing. The team will provide a soft handoff to youth outreach and/or shelter programs for those younger than 18. Two outreach vans equipped with basic first aid supplies, camping and/or outdoor living equipment, running water and food supplies will operate in three shifts (7:00am to 7:00pm, seven days per week) with one therapist available per shift. Through access to Telehealth services, the team can connect community members to medical providers and receive real-time emergency room updates from medical providers about program participants who need support. Three stages of programming will be offered to include outreach, engagement in programming and after care/ongoing support. Each stage was not consecutive so individuals could enter the program from any point and self-direct their wellness plan. The goal was to serve 105 individuals in each county, each month. Referrals to the program could be made via email to outreachteam@bridgestochange.com, Outreach line at (971) 246-7065 or contacting Virginia Rasmussen directly at virginia@bridgestochange.com or (971)386-3433.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve July 1 meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved. Lisa Bailey, Patricia Longua, Josh Carrillo, Virginia Rasmussen and Annette Evans abstained.

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Children (Homeless Education Network): David Pero deacondepero@gmail.com

David shared Oregon Dept of Education was expecting a 45% increase in student homelessness in Beaverton for 2020/2021 (an increase from 2500 to 3600 students). Hillsboro and Forest Grove plan to move to a comprehensive distance learning model through November. He announced Amy Brownell of Second Home was looking for home providers to house homeless students in all Washington County school districts except Hillsboro. Contact Amy at abrownell@emoregon.org. Contact Drew Williamson at dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org for interest in housing homeless students in Hillsboro.
Next Meeting: August 20, 2020.

Youth: Hanna Emrick herrick@boysandgirlsaid.org

Hanna reported on behalf of Drew Williamson. She invited anyone working with transitional age youth interested in joining the Youth Subcommittee should contact Drew Williamson at dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org.

Next Meeting: August 10 @ 1:30pm via Zoom

Homeless Outreach: Pat Rogers progers@caowash.org

The sub-committee is working to locate people on the Chronically Homeless ByName List as part of the Built for Zero initiative, inventory locations of homeless camps/where homeless were congregating, and work with police departments to go to homeless camps in advance of a sweep to facilitate moves to a safer location. Agencies can make an outreach request by sending an email to outreachrequest@caowash.org. To assist the outreach group in locating people, Katherine Galian urged agencies to enter location details in the "Current Living Situation" sub-assessment within their program's entry or interim assessments. Anyone without HMIS access who had location information to share, could email that information to outreachrequest@caowash.org for entry into HMIS by the outreach group.

Next Meeting: TBD

Developmental Disability (DD) Dialogue: Gordon Teifel mainlight@me.com

The goal of DD Dialogue was to keep the population safe and secure in their existing homes, which vary from group homes and foster homes to independent apartments depending upon their needs. COVID-19 has made it difficult to actively serve these most vulnerable individuals due to the restrictions imposed to protect them. The population may not always understand why they no longer can attend their day program or usual activities. DD Dialog continues to stay in touch via email every 2nd Thursday of each month. Some DD Dialogue participating agencies have been allowed to reopen in Phase I. Gordon emphasized the importance of the Oregon legislature retain funding for these essential programs.

Veterans and Seniors: Gary Smith gareth.smith@va.gov & Yvette Potter yvette_potter@co.washington.or.us

Yvette reported Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services (DAVS) was the primary agency for the homeless senior community and due to COVID-19 have altered their office hours to Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm, by appointment only. A survey was launched soliciting input of services the agency should provide or those that were needed that they were not aware of. With the changes to long term care visitation policies due to the pandemic, the agency has provided additional services (computers/modem/hotspot) so that seniors could still meet with their families and have access to services. The Veteran Stand Down event scheduled in August was postponed to November. She also reported the Benefit Enrollment Center was still available for seniors to sign up for benefits and services.

Gary Smith reported the Veteran sub-committee continues to hold their monthly meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month and are working through the Veteran ByName List. He also reported the Salvation Army still had openings and due to distancing requirements many veterans now have their own rooms. He hoped their program could receive more COVID-19 testing capabilities to ensure the safety of all participants.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2020; 10:30am

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

At their July meeting the board approved the PIT submittal to HUD. They also received a presentation from Ruth Osuna of the County Administrator's Office (CAO) on Metro's Supportive Housing Services Levy and the process to be used to create the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Committee that will develop the strategies and the community engagement work to ensure that equity and focus on communities of color be integrated into the LIP. There was approval for the submittal of a letter to the Metropolitan Public Defender's Office in support of *Project Reset* in Washington County, a program that changes the rate at which community service work reduces debt owed as a result of court fees and fines. Currently, community service work reduces court fines and fees at \$10 per hour. The CoC Board advocates to increase that amount to \$100 per hour.

Next Meeting: October 9, 2020; 8:30am

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC): Annette Evans

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At the October meeting, the HPAC will be receiving an update on the development of the LIP as well as the quarterly report on outcomes of *A Road Home*.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2020; 2:30pm

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): Angela Mullins

angela_mullins@co.washington.or.us

Annette introduced Angela Mullins who was recently hired at Washington County Housing Services as the HMIS Program Specialist. Angela provided a brief background of her

experience with HMIS and homeless programs and reported she was currently working with Wendy Smith at the Portland Housing Bureau to add three new elements to Community Connect assessments to support compliance by 10/1/2020. Angela can be reached via phone at (503) 846-4720 or at the above email address.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Federal COVID-19 ESG Funding Allocation Plan – KarenAlice Jones and Patricia Longua, Office of Community Development (OCD)

Washington County will receive \$2,214,134 in the 2nd round of Federal COVID-19 ESG (ESG-CV2) funding. Re-housing, support for severe weather shelters and outreach were system-wide needs revealed through prior consultations. The proposed distribution would allocate 79% (\$1,754,134) to Community Action Organization to be used for street outreach (\$368,000) engaging 650–700 individuals, rapid re-housing (\$1,224,721) to serve approximately 45 households for an 18-month period and administration (\$161,413). An additional 18% (\$400,000) would go to Washington County Department of Housing Services for severe weather shelter operations to maintain 4-5 sites (up to 30 people per site) open 7 days per week, for up to 90+ days during the 2020/2021 winter season. The remaining 3% (\$60,000) would go to Washington County OCD for administration expenses in managing the funds.

Next Steps:

August 13	Obtain Policy Advisory Board (consortium of small cities in Washington County, excluding Beaverton and Hillsboro) approval
August 25	Obtain Board of County Commissioners' approval
Thereafter	Contracting to begin.

For more information, contact Patricia Longua at patricia_longua@co.washington.or.us and KarenAlice Jones at karenalice_jones@co.washington.or.us.

B. Annual Work Plan for A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness – Annette Evans

Annette presented the July 2020 to June 2021 Annual Work Plan for A Road Home and reviewed the six strategies and action steps that were agreed upon to meet the goals of the homeless program in Washington County through June 30, 2025.

Motion: Approve the adoption of the 2020/2021 Annual Work Plan for A Road Home.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Mellani Calvin

Vote: Approved. Lisa Bailey, Amber Woodford, Josh Carrillo and Lexi Welch abstained.

C. COVID-19 Response and Recovery Update – Katherine Galian and Annette Evans

Katherine Galian reported since March, Community Action has provided assistance to over 1000 households, distributing approximately \$2 million to date, leveraging community partners to reach and assist people more broadly in the community, who have never accessed the system before as well as those who were more likely to experience prolonged instability without assistance. Working through seven organizations across the county, five of whom were under contract to complete applications with clients, they are targeting communities of color and immigrant communities to ensure they have access to resources. Their goal was to provide assistance to 800 households per month through December to keep as many people in their homes as possible.

Annette Evans provided an update on Washington County's response to the pandemic to include the reopening and expansion of the Family Promise shelters to provide households with shelter, meals and case management using hotel rooms in lieu of church facilities as shelter space. Family Promise of Tualatin Valley was currently at capacity, hosting five families and five adult-only households. Family Promise of Beaverton started later and was currently at 50% capacity. The contract with Family Promise of Washington County was currently on hold pending the hiring of a new Executive Director upon Annie Heart's retirement. On July 21 the Board of County Commissioners authorized the use of Westside Commons, county property previously known as The Fairgrounds to establish Safe Sleep Village, a 50-tent village established in the parking lot south of the Clover Leaf building with sanitation, meals and services provided. Project Homeless Connect have contracted to provide 24/7 staffing and work to find housing for participants. The project will remain open until December 1 after which time participants may transition to winter shelters. Annette was also asked by the EOC to consider an RV Parking Program.

D. Winter Shelter Response Plan – Annette Evans

The winter shelter response plan will be changed to an enrolled shelter hub model located in West County, Beaverton, Hillsboro, and South County (Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin) and open 7 days per week for at least 90 days. The focus will be to prevent COVID disease transmission by enrolling local homeless residing near one of the hubs using outreach referrals within geographic regions. The Severe Weather Shelter Cohort is meeting to develop the hubs with the next meeting scheduled for August 19; 11:00am.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elise Laubach announced Metro Homeshare experienced a decline in home providers but were reaching out to partners to possibly be used as a resource for homeowners who may experience financial difficulty when safety nets come to an end. She was also interested to hear about other ways that their program could support senior housing and encouraged agencies to contact her elaubach@emoregon.org or (503) 312-9915.
- Mari Valencia announced Washington County Office of Community Development (OCD) was holding an application workshop for FY 2021-2022 CDBG funding on Thursday, August 20. Attendance was mandatory for agencies intending to apply for funds. OCD recently mailed and emailed out an invitation for the workshop and will also send an invitation via the HSSN email listserv.
- Lisa Bailey announced the City of Beaverton has set-up a partnership with Worksystems to provide a hotline for employment assistance through the end of August. Community members can call (503) 765-9538 Tuesday and Thursday 9am – noon and Monday and Wednesday 1pm-5pm. Assistance was available in English and Spanish. Other languages were available through a language access line.
- DaNene Dwyer announced many short-term training opportunities were available through Worksource Oregon for those impacted by COVID-19. She encouraged agencies to have their clients call the Skills and Training line at (971) 722-2610.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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

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