



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

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. GUEST SPEAKERS: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Jeanne-Marie Ritter, Bianetth Valdez and Yvette Potter
Outreach Programs – Requests and Expectations
 - Angel Prater, Folktime
Intentional Peer Support (IPS) Training and Services
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:30 a.m.** Action Item
- IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:20 a.m.**
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - Children (Homeless Education Network)
 - Youth
 - Homelessness
 - Permanent Housing
 - DD Dialogue
 - Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee
 - Veterans/Seniors
 - Anti-Poverty Workgroup
 - Community Connect Oversight Committee
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – LSA 10/1/17 to 9/30/18
 - Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup – October 5, 2018
 - Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) – October 18, 2018
- V. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.**
 - \$3,858,293 FY2018 CoC Consolidated Grant Application Submittal by 9/18/2018
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Guest Speaker(s):

Arlene Jones, Disability Rights of Oregon, Plan For Work and Work Incentive Program
Ms. Emily Starbuck, Oregon Department of Employment, -Low-Income Employment and Housing Implications

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join. Comments regarding the agenda can be directed to Annette Evans, Homeless Program Manager, at 503-846-4760.



HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
August 1, 2018, 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
Auslander, Jay—Washington County Mental Health
Blaylock, Mark—Bridges to Change
Brandon, Peter—City of Hillsboro
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro
Deppa, Emma—City of Beaverton
Eckhardt, Kristy—Washington County Housing Services
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services
Fellger, Vara—Washington County Housing Services
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization
Green, Ashley—CareOregon
Herron, Carol—Just Compassion SWS
Knutson, Jennifer—Boys & Girls Aid
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
Ludwig, Anya—Cascade AIDS Project
Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development
Meierotto, Michelle—Housecall Providers
Mojira, Emily—Boys & Girls Aid
Mont, Greg—City of Hillsboro

Palma, Victor—CPAH
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Petersen, Marlys—Safe Families
Portman, Cheri—Job Corps
Pundt, Tyler—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Ram, Sarala—CODA, Inc.
Ritter, Jeanne-Marie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Schimmel, Brian—FG Temporary Emergency Shelter
Scott, Crystal—The Salvation Army Veteran & Family
Smelley, LeeAnn—DVRC MMH
Smith, Andy—City of Hillsboro
Smith, Gary—U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
Sosa, Brenda—DHS SSP Beaverton
Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries – Second Home
Swearingin, Nicole—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Taylor, Molly—Oregon Dept of Human Services
Taylor, Rowie—DVRC
Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG
Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate
Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland
Yokoyama, Kelly—Housing Independence

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

Peter Brandon, Andy Smith & Greg Mont, City of Hillsboro
“Municipal High Speed Fiber for Hillsboro Residents”

The City of Hillsboro (City) has determined internet access is an essential utility in today’s society and will embark on a municipal owned-and-operated system that provides high speed internet (1 gigabit per second) access to all buildings within the city limits. The City currently manages infrastructure and assets in excess of \$1.25 billion and has experience in running a fiber network that currently connects schools, City buildings and traffic signals. This new project expands on what they have already done internally out to the general public. This connectivity will create equity throughout communities, connect and engage more people, decrease utility costs to businesses and families, foster innovation and attract and retain talent. Some of the applications to benefit from high speed access include the provision of telemedicine health services and allow students to connect to the classroom from home. The high speed fiber network would enhance Smart City technology and

provided added city services to include street and traffic network, energy efficiency and customer service. The first phase of the project will be South Hillsboro which is currently under development and provides an opportunity to take advantage of cost savings, followed by Southwest Hillsboro, one of Hillsboro's lowest-income areas with the greatest need for affordable access to high-speed internet service. The 10-year project is anticipated to cost \$4 million per year over the next seven years, absorbed entirely by the City with existing resources (Gain Share funds), and expect subscriber fees to cover operational costs. Cost to subscribers is anticipated to be no more than \$50 per month for residential and \$70 per month for businesses, with lower cost options available to low-income households. City provided internet service would ensure net neutrality and eliminate the commercial pressure that restricts users. Over 80 cities throughout the country have already built fiber networks and provide internet service and yield useful insight to the City of Hillsboro as they go forward with the project.

Questions & Answers:

When would high speed internet service be available outside of the City of Hillsboro?

The City is building this project with an eye toward scaling it to other communities and are analyzing the costs involved. Washington County is already studying the concept of a "fiber-to-the-premise" network throughout all of Washington County, so there is high interest for high-speed internet across all communities. The City of Hillsboro has already met with municipalities which have Hillsboro schools within their jurisdictions for interest in providing a high speed option for their residents.

Is the goal to eventually spread out to all of Washington County?

That is more of a question for Washington County leadership. Connectivity equates to opportunity and is the future of the urban environment.

How do low-income or disadvantaged residents factor into the rollout plan?

Equity is one of the guiding principles of the rollout and the reason they are starting in the areas that need it the most such as Southwest Hillsboro. Cost effectiveness is also important, so if there is a development underway, it makes sense to install at the same time.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the June 6, 2018 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Gordon Teifel

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

Adopt Annual Work Plan for A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Washington County, Oregon.

The 2018/19 Annual Work Plan is developed from the goals and strategies outlined in the new homeless plan which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on June 19 and serves as a guide for the work going forward. The Work Plan is updated quarterly and then attached to the annual *Homeless Assessment Report: Summary of Outcomes and Challenges* provided to the Board of County Commissioners, elected leaders, government officials and HUD. The HSSN reviewed the Work Plan strategies with no edits.

Motion: Adopt the Annual Work Plan for A Road Home as presented.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Mellani Calvin

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Adopt Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Calendar for 8/2018 through 7/2019.

The CoC Planning Calendar for FY2018 was presented.

Motion: Adopt the CoC Planning Calendar with changes.

Action: Gordon Teifel
Second: Katherine Galian
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Adopt the CoC Program Administrative Plan.

The CoC Program Administrative Plan was developed in accordance with HUD's requirements of written standards for the administration of the CoC Program within Washington County. Annette Evans noted the Administrative Plan has been reviewed by the HSSN Workgroup over the last two years and has been available for review by the membership on the County website. No additions or deletions were noted.

Motion: Adopt the CoC Program Administrative Plan as presented.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Mellani Calvin

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

FY2018 CoC Program Grant Application.

Katherine Galian reported HUD announced \$2.1 billion in federal funding for the FY2018 CoC Program grant competition on June 20. A Request for Proposal was released on July 5 to solicit renewing and new project grant applications. The FY2018 renewal demand is for \$3,369,507, and new HUD Bonus projects proposing \$202,170 for Shelter Plus Care Chronic Expansion (under the PSH Bonus) and \$185,531 for Sojourner's House providing rapid rehousing (under the DV Bonus).

Following the CoC policy, agencies that met the attendance requirement of 8 meetings during past 12-months voted on the presentation, with a limit of 1 vote per agency and recusal from voting if the agency may have a conflict. The individual score sheets will be reviewed by the HSSN Workgroup on August 10.

PROJECT PROPOSAL: Shelter Plus Care Chronic Expansion.

Annette Evans, Washington County Department of Housing Services, presented the Shelter Plus Care Chronic Expansion project application that provides HUD-funded rent assistance under the Permanent Housing Bonus Initiative. Washington County will administer the rent subsidy in partnership with service provider agencies that will provide client-centered supportive services to assist chronically homeless individuals and families obtain appropriate affordable permanent housing and culturally appropriate support services. There is a continued increase in the number of chronic homeless in Washington County as evidenced by the 2018 Point in Time count where 166 chronic homeless individuals and families were interviewed. The Shelter Plus Care Chronic Expansion project will create 15-units of new rental assistance to "expand" the current 170 unit Shelter Plus Care Renewal project to 185 units of permanent supportive housing to serve chronically homeless individuals and families with disabilities and will expand the number of dedicated chronic homeless units from 56 to 71 using the Housing First model. The project aligns with *A Road Home*, strategy 2.4, and can be implemented within 30-days following grant contract execution. Acknowledgement of the service provider agencies that include: Cascade AIDS Project, Community Action, Housing Independence, Lifeworks NW, Luke-Dorf, Inc., Open Door Counseling Center, and Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.

Questions and Answers:

Does Washington County Housing Services implement "trauma informed" practices and approaches with the individuals in their Shelter Plus Care program?

Washington County Occupancy Specialists are trained in trauma informed care which is incorporate into all areas of working with homeless and vulnerable populations.

What is the potential for bringing other project sponsors in the future who might be willing to focus on just physical disabilities?

Annette acknowledged her attempt to do just that two years ago and discovering the difficulty in finding a sponsor who would fund case management. Many of the current providers are able to do a “fee for service” and be reimbursed for their time. She will be assessing the need to issue a Request for Proposal to address service gaps.

PROJECT PROPOSAL: Sojourner’s House

Rowie Taylor, Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC), presented the Sojourner’s House project application seeking new HUD domestic violence bonus funds to fund 10 units of rapid rehousing and survivor-centered services. DVRC provides a continuum of services, shelter and transitional housing to those fleeing or surviving domestic violence for 40+ years. Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness in Washington County. Often, survivors find, after finally leaving their abuser, there is nowhere to go. Domestic violence emergency shelters are always full and Monika’s House maintains a waiting list. People fleeing domestic violence and who do not score high on the lethality tool still require support services, whether counselling or group services, employment or orders seeking protection. DVRC is one of the founding members of the Family Justice Center and are now able to provide a one-stop shop for survivors and victims of domestic violence to provide wrap-around services. The Sojourner’s House, named after women’s rights activist, Sojourner Truth, would provide tenant-based rent assistance housing and services to assist individuals and families fleeing domestic violence which includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or victims of human trafficking, to access permanent housing (rapid rehousing model). The project aligns with strategy 2.1.b of *A Road Home* and can be implemented within 60-days following grant contract execution.

Questions and Answers:

What are the qualifications of staff who would be delivering services?

All counselors are Master Social Worker’s (MSW) and supervised by Gayle Sheller who has been with DVRC for 9 years. They are co-located in Beaverton DHS and Hillsboro DHS and Tigard Police Department. There will now be a Community Advocated located in the Washington County Courthouse as well.

What is the “lethality tool” and will it also be used to determine placement into Sojourner’s House?

It is an assessment tool that assesses the safety/danger factor of an individual’s current situation and whether safe and secure housing needs to be provided. Anyone scoring high on this scale will either go into DVRC’s emergency shelter, or they will work to place the person into another emergency shelter. They could then move from the emergency shelter, either into Sojourner’s House or into other CoC permanent housing programs.

Who would qualify to live there and where would potential residents of Sojourner’s House come from?

Victims/survivors of domestic violence who are in need of housing and meet HUD’s definition of homeless qualify. Advocates from Beaverton and Tigard Police Departments and other organizations refer people. Also, survivors walk into the Family Justice Center for services.

Would you be targeting the more moderate scores from the Community Connect assessment?

Upon the award’s announcement and during the 30-60 days that it will take to get the project up and running, this is one of the areas to be defined.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette Evans announced the Point in Time (PIT) date was set for January 23, 2019 and Pat Rogers was holding his first PIT planning meeting on August 20. Anyone wishing to support that work should contact Pat at Community Action Organization.
- Jessica Adams from Community Action Organization announced PGE will be mailing out “Disconnect” notices in August, after not doing so since April due to moving to a new computer system. The Rent and Energy Assistance Program currently has funds available and she encouraged member agencies to notify their clients to take advantage before everyone starts receiving their notices.
- Mellani Calvin from Assertive SSI Service Team (ASSIST) announced they will be holding two Community Information Sessions in Washington County. One on Tuesday, August 7 at Community Action Organization, 10:00am-12:00pm and Wednesday, August 8 at the Beaverton DHS Large Conference Room, 10:00am-12:00pm. The purpose is to review their referral form and explain why the information is needed and provide an overview of ASSIST’s procedures. ASSIST help people with disabilities who are chronically homeless with the SSI/SSD application, which is the first hurdle to getting people on benefits.
- Michelle Meierotto announced Housecall Providers are a home-based primary care organization and a certified music and memory program provider. They are holding a live music and storytelling event on September 6th at the Lagunitas Community Room, 6:00pm-8:00pm to benefit their “Bringing Music Home” program which provides customized iPod playlists to people who are homebound and those living with dementia.
- Ashley Green of CareOregon announced they were looking to provide home-based primary care through Housecall Providers, to their more medically complex members and were hoping to target those living in buildings with multiple members. She was hoping to hold discussions with member agencies about the best way of implementing those services.
- Molly Taylor of Oregon Department of Human Services announced they partnered with the Housing Authority of Washington County and submitted a HUD grant application for Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers to help families whose children have been removed and in state custody due to their housing situation or lack thereof, and youth aging out of foster care, ages 18 – 24, with supportive housing.
- Bianeth Valdez of HomePlate announced they are expanding their team and looking to hire two outreach workers, one bi-lingual in addition to the recent hire, Joey Whiting who started on Monday.
- Sarala Ram announced CODA Outpatient Services were seeking a Program Manager. The application period will close August 10.
- Jeff Burnham introduced Luke-Dorf’s recent hire, Tyler Pundt who will be working with Lezlie Chichester, Portfolio Property Manager.
- Carol Herron announced Just Compassion of East Washington County was looking for a Coordinator October through April for their Beaverton Severe Weather Shelter.
- Anya Ludwig announced Cascade AIDS Project’s largest annual fundraiser, AIDS Walk on September 8, referencing www.aidswalkportland.org for more information.
- Jeanne-Marie Ritter announced Luke-Dorf, Inc. is still accepting applications for Peer Support Outreach positions.
- Victor Palma of Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) announced the approval of two new housing projects, one in Beaverton and one in Tigard. They are also looking for a new Resident Services Coordinator and will send information to Annette for dissemination to the membership.
- Tami Cockeram shared Camp Eagle completed their third year of providing a camp experience to children, ages 7-12, living in homelessness or had experienced

homelessness within the past six months, and partnered with Community Action Organization to help identify the children. They expanded the camp to 3 days this year and had a total of 17 children attending, all of whom experienced summer camp for the first time. She offered to bring a video of the camp to the HSSN.

- Cheri Portman announced Job Corps had available beds for young people ages 16-24 looking for education and training or just training in a career path.
- Sarah Weller of Write Around Portland, who partner with agencies to provide creative writing workshops to their clients, encouraged members to reach out to her to arrange for an on-site workshop.
- Matt Mattia announced Washington County's Office of Community Development (OCD) CDBG Application Workshops scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 at 9:00am for Public Services and at 2:00pm for Public Facilities & Infrastructure on the same day, and a HOME Application Workshop on August 23 at 2:00pm. All workshops will be held at the Washington Street Conference Center. Attendance at the workshops is mandatory for all program applicants.
- Crystal Scott, the new Executive Director of The Salvation Army Veteran and Family Program announced a Chair Advocate position was available on their Advocacy Board.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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

Handouts:

- Hillsboro Commits to Affordable High-Speed Internet Access brochure
- OR-506 Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Calendar: 8/2018 to 7/2018
- Annual Work Plan for *A Road Home*
- DVRC brochure

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