



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, September 7, 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. GUEST SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.

Bandana Shrestha, Director of Community Engagement for AARP Oregon

- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Programs

Marcy Mee, Program Manager of GA for Oregon Department of Human Services

- General Assistance (GA) Program

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:15 a.m. Action Item

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:20 a.m.

- Subcommittee Reports
 - Children (Homeless Education Network)
 - Youth
 - Homelessness
 - Permanent Housing
 - Income Support/Workforce Development Workgroup
 - DD Dialogue
 - Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee
 - Veterans
 - Washington County Reentry Council
 - Seniors
 - “Community Connect” Oversight Committee
- Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup [the CoC Board] – 10/14/2016
- Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) – 10/20/2016
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

V. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.

- FY2016 CoC Program NOFA Timeline: 9/6/2016 Board of County Commissioner Agenda to approval submittal of \$3,166,876 application available online at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/upload/FY2016-OR506-CoC-Collaborative-Application.pdf>

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:45 a.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Guest Speaker(s): Pat Rogers, Rent Assistance Prevention Programs
Tim Davis, New Program: Wood Stove Exchange

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

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
August 3, 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	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Bradley, Colby—Community Partners for Afford. Housing	Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Radecki, Kara—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Rogers, Pat—Community Action Organization
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Carlsen, Kurt—Worksource Oregon	Schnitzer, Cole—Veterans Administration
Clevidence, Veronica—Washington County Housing Svcs	Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center
Cline, Aaron—Community Action Organization	Seward, Michelle—LifeWorks NW
Duncan-Perez, Martha—Washington County Reentry Co.	Skryha, Vicki—US Department of HUD
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change	Smith, Gary—VA Medical Center
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Stinson, Craig—Oregon Department of Human Services
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Sullivan, Brenda—Bridges to Change
Griffey, Kristin—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Talbott, Carrie—Western Governors University
Hauth, Larry—Community Action Organization	Taylor, Molly—Oregon Dept. of Human Svcs Child Welfare
Heart, Annie—Family Promise	Thomas, Josh—Washington Co. HHS Residential Specialist
Herron, Carol—St. Anthony's Shelter	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton
Layton, Amber—HomePlate	Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland
Lee-Anderson, Jennifer—Beaverton Social Justice League	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services
Linder, April—Housing Independence	Williamson, Drew—Boys and Girls Aid
Mandujano, Clara—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Yates, Brittany—Housing Independence
Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development	

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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the June 1, 2016, HSSN meeting minutes.
Action: Martha Duncan-Perez
Second: Katherine Galian
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

FY2016 CoC Program Notice Of Funding Available (NOFA) Timeline

Annette Evans reviewed the FY2016 CoC Program grant competition timeline as outlined on the Request For Proposal (RFP) notice that was published on July 9, 2016. She reviewed the HSSN's review of renewal projects based on project performance criteria that includes funding and program utilization. The RFP announced bonus and reallocation funds valued at \$161,643 for a new permanent housing project. Today, the HSSN will receive information on proposed new projects. In total, the FY2016 CoC Program grant application will seek \$3.2 million.

FY2016 CoC Program Request For Proposals (RFP) for new Permanent Housing

The CoC is competing for \$161,643 for a new Permanent Housing project in the FY2016 NOFA. This includes \$14,772 in reallocation funds that previously funded the Washington County Transitional Housing program, which will no longer be CoC-funded as of July 1, 2017. This reallocation was determined during the FY2015 CoC Program grant competition at which time the project sponsor agency was given notice of the CoC Board decision to reallocate to support a new project. There was no appeal of this decision.

Annette Evans reviewed the HSSN policy outlining the ranking and rating process to include one vote per agency and the recusal process for agencies that may have a conflict of interest. The HSSN Work Group (the CoC Board) will review the scores and comments on August 12, 2016, and perform selection and ranking of new and renewal projects for inclusion in the Collaborative Application.

Pat Rogers presented information regarding the RISE (Re-housing In Support of Employment) project proposal. The CoC lacks the capacity to serve low to moderate barrier literally homeless individuals. There are approximately 30 units available, but FY2015-16 Community Connect data shows 148 of these households sought assistance. The CoC is also struggling with assisting clients in obtaining and maintaining employment. The RISE program proposes to alleviate these issues by bundling housing and employment services with a focus on career ladders. Use of a cohort model increases supports and motivation, and outreach to landlords increases access to existing units.

Projected outcomes are that 80% of the ten adult-only households served will be permanently housed upon exit and 75% are expected to have an increase in earned income upon exit.

Staff including one half-time case manager, one half-time housing specialist, and one quarter-time employment coach. Intake will occur through Community Connect, with a goal to have the first 5 clients housed by October 2017, and the remaining 5 placed by December 2017. The program will follow the Housing First model, so there will be no stipulations or requirements when clients are identified through assessment. Supportive Services will emphasize engagement and problem solving, with client-driven services and employment plans. The success of the program will hinge upon the relationship with the clients. CAO will leverage employment support partnerships such as the Aligned Partner Network and Health Careers Northwest. Larry Hauth added that Health Careers Northwest is about 7 months into its 5-year grant, and is partnering with WorkSystems and Health and Human Services to provide career pathways into several types of health careers. There are already 26 people in the program working toward certifications. The Aligned Partner Network works with WorkSource to provide training and job navigation toward many career pathways in addition to healthcare. Eligible clients will be those scoring in the low to moderate range on the Community Connect assessment, and who have a high school diploma or GED and a score below 70 in the employment history assessment. Clients must opt-in for all services at intake.

Bundled services include housing search and placement; ongoing support services including group and individual supports; career mapping; career and resource planning; career link basic skills, remediation, post-secondary preparation, pathway training, placement and advancement; and referral to health, mental health, and addiction services as needed.

Adopt HUD CPD-16-11 Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons

Annette Evans gave a brief summary of notice CPD-16-11 that supersedes CPD-14-12 previously adopted by the HSSN. Discussion on the impact and outcomes of CPD-14-12 to prioritize non-dedicated beds that turnover for chronic homeless persons has helped to address the growing number of chronic homeless reported in the Point-In-Time (PIT) census. The notice provides guidance that individuals and families who have spent the longest time homeless are prioritized for permanent supportive housing, which aligns with the Community Connect written standards and policy.

Annette concluded by stating that adopting this notice would allow the CoC to continue following the 10-Year Plan currently in place, using the Housing First model and prioritizing those with the greatest need for permanent supportive housing.

Motion: Adopt HUD CPD-16-11 Notice.
Action: Judy Werner
Second: Jack Schwab
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

HSSN Governance – Election to fill vacant position announced June 29

Annette Evans presented Kara Radecki as the nominee for Chronic Homeless Representative for the HSSN Work Group (the CoC Board). Kara has been with Luke-Dorf for four years, starting as Services Coordinator at Hartner House serving chronically homeless individuals. She transitioned to Program Manager of the Hillsboro campus, overseeing Hartner House, Safe Haven, and Outreach; serving this population is very important to Kara. Annette added Kara works with a population whereby many frequent institutions for less than 90 days at a time and obtaining this as 3rd party documentation is difficult for people in Jail. It was this concept that led to a new policy in partnership with Washington County Sheriff’s Office for documentation on “Confinement Dates” that supports recordkeeping of chronic homeless length and episodes.

Motion: Elect Kara Radecki to the HSSN Work Group Chronic Homeless Representative with term ending 6/30/19.
Action: Katherine Galian
Second: Martha Duncan-Perez
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Adopt CoC Planning Calendar 8/2016 through 7/2017

The draft calendar was reviewed at the June 10, 2016, HSSN Work Group meeting, which resulted in some additions and changes. The Work Group requested to review the System Performance Measures (SPMs) at each meeting, added to this handout. The SPMs will also be provided to the HSSN in October and April. There are still openings for guest speakers, and Annette is open to suggestions for future speakers.

Motion: Adopt the CoC Planning Calendar for 8/2016 through 7/2017 and add SPM reviews.
Action: Katherine Galian
Second: Pat Rogers
Vote: Approved, unanimous.

Adopt the Year 9 Work Plan Implementing the Goals and Strategies of A Road Home: 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Annette Evans provided a handout of the Year 9 Work Plan and reported the HSSN Work Group and the Homeless Plan Advisory Committee have both reviewed the Year 9 Work Plan. The HSSN discussed each of the goals and subsequent strategies outlined.

Additions to the Year 9 Work Plan included:

Jeff Salvon said Allied Argenta's Fircrest purchase will close in the fall, and they will partner with a non-profit agency to offer low-income housing.

Discussion followed to include:

Alan Trunnell asked if there are any "job incubators" in Washington County where people could learn a trade while holding a job and getting paid. There are active programs serving the high-tech needs of companies such as Intel, but not many opportunities for entry-level jobs. If the cities and the county got together with some money-making endeavors to promote this type of program, it should be easy to provide short-term training in demand positions. The following best practices and ideas to help clients obtain employment were reviewed:

- Lutheran Community Services NW works with Latino Connection in Hillsboro (which is open to all) to provide coaching.
- Good Neighbor Center has had positive outcomes working with Tigard Goodwill.
- HomePlate offers job training, but finds that it's difficult for people to be reliable employees when they are homeless.
- Apprenticeship programs with the State of Oregon have been offered through the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI).
- Portland Community College had a manufacturing program that is no longer funded.
- Comfort Zone will be hiring three Peer Support Specialists, and certification is not required up front, but within a few months of hire. Scholarships might be available. Contact Kristin Griffey for information.
- Homeless to Work hired a job development mentor, and has worked in the past to provide short-term training for welding and flagging positions. GLISS (General Labor & Industrial Staffing Services) in Beaverton has been a helpful resource.

Motion: Adopt the Year 9 Work Plan implementing the Goals and Strategies of A Road Home: 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, with the addition of the Allied Argenta Fircrest project under section 2.6.

Action: Judy Werner

Second: Larry Hauth

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Gary Smith with the US Veteran Affairs announced he will be working with homeless veterans in Washington County.
- Amber Layton announced HomePlate Jesuit volunteers have ended their year of service, and new volunteers will be joining the team.
- Matt Mattia announced the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application Workshop will be held on August 16, 2016, with the Public Service section offered at 9 a.m., and the Public Facilities and Infrastructure portion offered at 2 p.m.
- Yvette Potter announced Washington County Department of Disability, Aging and Veterans Services published a survey for serving older adults; Annette will send to the listserv.
- Sarah Weller announced Write Around Portland has openings for their fall workshops.

- Kristin Griffey announced Jeff Burnham did two lease signings right when the Housing TEAM's grant ended. Jeff said thanks are due to the Steering Committee and partners. Annette Evans also recognized Howard Spanbock, former Executive Director for Luke-Dorf, who was instrumental in bringing the Housing TEAM to Washington County.
- Kara Radecki announced Luke-Dorf is recruiting for an Outreach Clinician, and there are openings for clients at Hartner House.
- Drew Williamson announced he is taking over facilitation of the Transitional Age Youth Committee meetings. The next meeting will be September 15, 2016 at Safe Place.
- Annie Heart announced a former shelter client will have a photography exhibit at Community of Christ Church on August 24, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.
- Mollie Taylor announced a great need for foster parents; Annette will send to the listserv.
- Jesse Adams announced the CAO Energy and Rent Assistance program has energy assistance funds available; clients can apply at www.caowash.org or 503-615-0771.
- Valerie Bundy announced Clara Mandujano is the new Case Manager for Mary Mac and Monika's House, and the Domestic Violence Resource Center has been branching out with advocates at various locations in Washington County.
- Martha Duncan-Perez announced the groundbreaking of PureKraze's Veteran's Village on August 13, 2016, in Vancouver, and they are interested in a Beaverton site as well. Martha was also approached by a developer interested in building transitional housing. Martha gave information on KAIROS Outside, for women impacted by incarceration.
- Alan Trunnell announced the next HSSN meeting will be a great opportunity to bring stories of homelessness to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m. The next meeting is September 7, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

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