



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85299997647?pwd=aTNsQUlqWFhoM1hsUnpETVMwakVPdz09>

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AGENDA

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. **MEETING MINUTES: 8:35 a.m.**
 - **Action:** Approve the September 2 meeting minutes.
- III. **GUEST SPEAKERS: 8:40 a.m.**
 - Heather Lyons, Corporation for Supportive Housing (25 minutes)
CoC Racial Equity Analysis - Metro SHS Local Implementation Plan (LIP)
 - Anita Yap, Multi-Cultural Collaborative (35 minutes)
Stakeholder Community Engagement - Metro SHS Local Implementation Plan (LIP)
- IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.**
 - FY2020 CoC Program Grant Application \$3,837,090 Project Renewal
 - Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Levy
 - Apply for the Metro Regional Oversight Committee online at <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/supportive-housing-services/oversight-committee>
 - 2020/2021 Winter Shelter Plan
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 4, 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
September 2, 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:

Allie Alexander—Good Neighbor Center
Angeles, Nic—Housing Independence
Auslander, Jay—WC Mental Health
Bailey, Lisa—City of Beaverton
Brownell, Amy—Ecumenical Ministries-Metro Homeshare
Burnette, Amanda--DVRC
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program
Caplener, Gretchen—WC Health & Human Services
Cardwell, Shawn--
Castrejon, Deena—Bridges to Change
Cole, Lisa—Salvation Army
Dickey, Belinda—Community Action Organization
Dwyer, DaNene—Portland Community College
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services
Farr, Danielle—WC Health & Human Services
Fellger, Vara—WC Housing Services
Fields, Kaylie—DHS
Ford, Regina—
Forshew, John—Aloha Community Library
Fox, Karen—City of Tualatin
Franco, Magali—OHSU-Tuality Alliance
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization
Garcia, Gracie—Bienestar-Oregon
Green, Vanessa—Easter Seals
Greene, Jacen—PSU-HCAC
Guajardo, Roumaldo—Community Action Organization
Guptill, Jolene—Family Promise of Beaverton
Hearn, Liz—CPAH
Hunsacker, Naomi—WC Health and Human Services
Kasim, Bashar—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Lamberger, Katie—DHS SSP
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
Markus, Michelle—Mental Health Assoc of Oregon
Marshall, Kim—WC Project Homeless Connect
Matti, Vera—Lutheran Community Services NW
McAuliffe, Tom—
Merecias, Adam—Providence
Merkel, Cole—Here Together Oregon
Mullins, Angela—WC Housing Services
Penney, Darcie—DVRC
Pero, David—McKinney-Vento Liaison/HEN
Potter, Yvette—WC Dept of Aging & Veteran Services
Ramage, Marie—WC Veteran Treatment Court
Schaeffer-Bischt, Blair—WorkSystems, Inc.
Shiple, Molly—WC District Attorney's Office
Smith, Gary—US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Sparr, Nina—US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Streeter, Kelsey—WC Health & Human Services
Taylor, Molly--DHS
Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living & DEAR
Telle, Elizabeth C.--
Trinkle, Jamie—Oregon Law Center
Valdez, Bianetth—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
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

Gretchen Caplener and Kelsey Streeter, Washington County Public Health “Public Health Response to COVID-19”

An overview on the Washington County’s COVID Response included information on the Strike Teams, their composition and locations they targeted to address the vulnerable populations most at risk of infection. Information on contact tracing and why it is important, listing the reporting sources of positive or suspect cases, provided a flowchart of the Contact

Tracing Workflow identifying the teams involved throughout the process, and the shelter reporting forms used to document positive/suspect cases and log persons with whom they came into close contact. They provided a link for additional COVID related community resources, a listing of testing sites in Washington County and contract tracing information at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19/index.cfm>. A Congregate Shelter and Day Center Toolkit was also available at <https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/hssn-agendas-and-minutes.cfm>.

Questions and Answers

Is there more information about those infected having relapses?

Gretchen will forward information to Annette.

Is there still a shortage of contact tracers in Washington County?

Contact tracers are keeping up with the reports currently being submitted; however, the workflow fluctuates based on what is happening in the community in terms of exposure. Currently they reach 95% of people within 24 hours.

Is there still a shortage of testing supplies?

Gretchen will reach out to her counterpart involved with testing in the community to provide a snapshot of current testing information to the HSSN via Annette Evans. She noted they have coordinated with the Oregon Health Authority to dispatch state testing teams to long term care facilities which is especially challenging due to the volume required.

For shelters operating in a motel, who is responsible for notifying the hotel of a positive or suspected positive case, particularly as it pertains to HIPAA?

Once the exposure or presumptive case has been confirmed by a lab, Washington County Public Health will identify all who need to be notified and reach out to those individuals, including hotel management.

Is there a way to combat misinformation while supporting those concerned about infection and perceived inaction that does not violate a client's personal health information (PHI)?

Keeping the information general, "At this time we have not received any lab confirmed results stating that we have an exposure at our facility, nor have we heard from Washington County Public Health to indicate otherwise." Keeping to the facts that COVID-19 is a state mandated disease and if there was a lab confirmed result, Public Health would know about it and be involved. Also, reiterate the safety measures and policies that are in place to keep people safe.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve August 5 meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Mellani Calvin

Vote: Approved, unanimously.

IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

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

David reported McKinney-Vento Liaisons started back August 31 while students were not expected back until September 14. A statewide liaison training was scheduled for September 15 and 16. The upcoming committee meeting will focus on identifying resources and gaps in services. He shared Dona Bolt had announced her retirement with no replacement identified.

Next Meeting: September 24.

Youth: *Drew Williamson* dwilliamson@boysandgirlsaid.org

No report.

Next Meeting: TBD

Homeless Outreach: *Pat Rogers* progers@caowash.org

Katherine Galian reported the committee meets bi-weekly and continued their focus on geographic coverage to ensure Beaverton and Tigard received consistent outreach coverage as well as West County which is expected to see outreach growth. They are also working on a coordinated response to requests for outreach, working with By-Name List providers to do targeted outreach to identified individuals. They also continue to enter data from information provided by outreach workers without HMIS access. Until a phone app is chosen for outreach data entry, those making contacts should continue to share that information via outreachrequest@caowash.org.

Next Meeting: September 3

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

Gordon reported many (not all) providers have resumed services for adults with developmental disabilities. DEAR has not met with clients since March 18 and directors are struggling to continue with a skeletal business model.

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

Yvette reported Disability, Aging & Veteran Services (DAVS) had proclaimed August 2020 Gulf War Awareness Month and were pushing for funding from the Older Americans Act to provide older adults with electronics for community connection and to reduce isolation through the pandemic. They had also launched a survey to help them determine the needs of the community and encouraged members to go to the website to complete one.

Gary Smith reported the Veteran sub-committee will continue a review of the By-Name List at the next meeting. Also, the Salvation Army Veterans & Family Center on Farmington Road had openings in their program. Referrals can be made to the facility directly or contact Gary at the above email address.

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

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

COVID-19 had derailed the normal schedule of events. Once HUD releases the NOFA, Annette will issue RFP's and project presentations can be made at either a rescheduled October meeting or possibly an additional meeting to complete the ranking and rating of projects for the HUD application. The CoC Board has been working to bring *Project Reset* to Washington County, a program that allows persons with court ordered fees and fines to perform community service hours to pay off debt. 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* Annette.evans@co.washington.or.us

The HPAC will be receiving an update on the development of the Metro SHS Local Implementation Plan (LIP) at their next meeting. The quarterly report on outcomes of *A Road Home* is postponed due to COVID response and work to support Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) planning process.

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

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): Angela Mullins

angela_mullins@co.washington.or.us

Angela reported working on annual program data quality reports being submitted for the CoC, implementation of the new Community Connect assessment components which go live October 1.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. \$3,837,090 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) submitted to HUD on 8/18/2020 in preparation for FY2020 CoC Program Grant Application

The GIW is a report required by HUD prior to the issuance of their NOFA and is a value of the programs that we will be seeking to renew in the new HUD application. Annette has not heard whether, or if, there will be bonus project funding available. She reported receiving the Sojourner's HUD contract on Monday August 31 and expected to receive the Re-Entry Housing contract soon.

B. Metro Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Levy

The LIP Committee met August 27 to review the decision-making process and the required elements for the LIP. A web page has been established where more information is available,

<https://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/SupportiveHousingServices/index.cfm>.

Meetings will occur every 2nd & 4th Thursday through October and are open to the public. Links to the Zoom webinars are posted on the web page. The next meeting will include a discussion on geographic and the plan for community engagement. Meeting agendas will be posted Fridays before each meeting.

C. CARES Act Renters Relief and Homeless Prevention Assistance Program

Katherine Galian reported the Eviction Moratorium was still set to expire at the end of September and had not been extended. Eviction notices are expected to go out starting October 5. The Foreclosure Moratorium has been extended to December 31.

Community Action Organization (CAO) continues to assist people who need rent assistance via telephone or an online appointment application. The need is great which creates a challenge as appointment times are quickly filled each day. Once all daily appointments are filled (either via telephone or online appointment application), the online application is closed with a message for people to call back or go online the following day. Appointments are currently scheduled out two weeks. CAO has contracted with several culturally specific organizations to completed applications with clients. They continue to staff up with four positions filled and looking to fill three more specifically with the ability to speak Chinese, Korean & Mandarin. They currently process approximately 400 applications per month, distributing approximately \$1.3 million in assistance with 1300 households served so far.

Have you heard anything about a National Eviction Moratorium?

Jamie Trinkle of Oregon Law Center clarified that Oregon's eviction moratorium is more protective than the federal but will be posting guidance at Oregonrentersrights.org when they know more.

D. Severe Weather Shelter Response Plan for Winter 2020-21

The winter shelter response plan will be changed to an enrolled shelter hub model located in West County (Cornelius, Forest Grove), Beaverton, Hillsboro, and South County (Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin) and open 7 days per week for at least 90 days or more. 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 meets every two weeks and is still looking for locations to host shelter operations in Hillsboro, Forest Grove/Cornelius and South County. Megan Cohen of City of Beaverton and Vernon Baker of Just Compassion are leading the Beaverton shelter effort and have secured their site. If you know of a site that would be appropriate for shelter operations, please contact the following individuals directly:

Hillsboro	Kim Marshall	kim@phcwashco.org
Forest Grove/Cornelius	Brian Schimmel	brians@oldtownfg.org
	Shawn Cardwell	shawncaredwell@gmail.com
South County	Mike Espig	mjepdx@gmail.com
	Renee Brouse	rbrouse@goodneighborcenter.org

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vanessa Green shared Easter Seals Connecting Communities Program assists those with English as a 2nd language and a disabling condition to find housing, employment and supportive services. She asked for help in finding rent assistance for an elderly client. Annette asked agencies to respond to her directly via chat.
- Gary Smith announced Salvation Army had openings for two Case Manager positions.
- Jamie Trinkle of Oregon Law Center announced oregonrentersrights.org has up-to-date info in English and Spanish on protections for renters. Oregon Law Center's Hillsboro office has a tenant hotline for legal questions. Interpreters are available to assist clients speaking any language. Contact Jamie at jtrinkle@oregonlawcenter.org if you need additional assistance.
- Jamie Trinkle also announced Legal Aid has a Facebook page that is posting information regularly on changes to benefits and laws affecting low-income and immigrant Oregonians, <https://www.facebook.com/OregonLawHelp/>
- Blair Schaeffer-Bisht announced a Construction and Trades Pre-Apprenticeship training for Washington County residents receiving SNAP benefits that will be held online September 21 - December 13 through PCC. Sign up for information sessions at <https://portlandcc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAKdOmprTwoG9KmFQrWYfOqQlInK6D8dyE>
- Bashar Kasim announced Luke-Dorf's Re-Entry Program started on July 1 and is accepting referrals. A Housing Navigator and Peer Support Specialist team up to work with people that meet the definition of "literally homeless" and have a justice involved background. The program provides a HUD rent subsidy for up to 24 months, housing placement support, skills training and employment support with a goal of self-sufficiency within 24 months. For more information contact Carrie Williams (971) 354-0615 or Jeff Burnham at jburnham@luke-dorf.org.
- Elizabeth Telle shared a resource/training for how to communicate with a guest who was non-compliant with preventative measures (masks, social distancing) in a way that encourages compliance is available from Ryan Dowd at <http://www.homelesstraining.com/>.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

To be added to the HSSN email list, contact Annette Evans at Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us