



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

- I. **INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
 - Mental Wellness Moments (MWM) are brief daily practices of self-care and wellness.
- II. **MEETING MINUTES: 8:35 a.m.**
 - **Action:** Approve the September 1, 2021 meeting minutes.
- III. **GUEST SPEAKERS: 8:40 a.m.**
 - Maria Caballero-Rubio, [Centro Cultural](#)
Centro Cultural Turnkey Program
- IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:00 a.m.**
 - New HOME-ARP Program (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) – Ann Hawkins
 - FY2021 CoC Program NOFO Competition Timeline – Annette Evans
 - 9/3/2021 Local Competition Opened – Request For Proposals Released
 - 10/6/2021 New Project Presentation
 - 10/8/2021 CoC Board ranks projects and approves Project Priority Listing. Reviews Consolidated Application and approves release for 14-day public comment period.
 - 10/25/2021 Consolidated Application, Priority Project Listing and Project Applications posted for Public Comment.
 - 11/12/2021 submit FY2021 CoC Program Application to HUD
 - FY2021 New Project Proposal Presentation and Scoring [Breakout Session]
 1. Bridge Housing (CoC Bonus Project \$203,716.00) – Brian Schimmel, Centro Cultural
 - Subcommittee Reports
 - Children (Homeless Education Network) – David Pero
 - Youth – Drew Williamson
 - Homeless Outreach – Pat Rogers
 - DD Dialogue – Gordon Teifel
 - Veterans and Seniors – Gary Smith and Yvette Potter
 - [HMIS](#) – Angela Mullins
 - [HSSN CoC Board](#) – Annette Evans
 - [Homeless Plan Advisory Committee](#) (HPAC) – Annette Evans
- V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 2021

The HSSN is open to the public and all are invited to join – see [HSSN](#) website for additional information and past meeting agenda, minutes and handouts.

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

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Providing a Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County
September 1, 2021, 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:

Alexander Sheridan, Allie—WC Health and Human Services	Kennedy, Tina—Fort Kennedy Day Center
Al-Nazli, Zaki—Community Action Organization	Lamberger, Katie—Oregon DHS SSP
Anderson, Megan—Interpersonal Frequency	Lloyd, Rhonda—The Salvation Army Veteran & Family Ctr
Angeles, Nic—Housing Independence	Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund
Ayala Aguilar, Yesenia—Family Promise GWC	Lukban, Minette—OHSU-Tuality Alliance
Bailey, Lisa—City of Beaverton	Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro
Bernard, Kathleen—Good Neighbor Center	Melton, Holly—Community Action Organization
Blasco, Martin—WC Cooperative Library Services	Mercer, Annette—Good Neighbor Center
Burnett, Amanda—DVRC	Merkel, Cole—Here Together Oregon
Burnham, Jeff—New Narrative	Montijo, Jennee—WC Health and Human Services
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Mullins, Angela—WC Housing Services
Cardwell, Shawn—Forest Grove Foundation	Neri, Juan—Family Promise GWC
Case, Julie—WC Housing Services	Palestino, Sara—Beaverton SD/HEN
De Los Reyes, Anthony—HomePlate Youth Services	Penney, Darcie—DVRC
Deters, Melia—Community Action Organization	Ruiz, Roseanna—CPAH Oregon
Devin, Alex—WC Housing Services	Schwoeffermann, Ty—WC CAO//Housing Services
Dittmann, Schelli—Interpersonal Frequency	Sell, Wendy—LifeWorks NW
Dunn, Candace—Project Homeless Connect	Skriver, Heather—WC Housing Services
Dwyer, DaNene—Portland Community College	Smith, Gareth “Gary”—US Dept of Veteran Affairs
Edelman, Highland—WC-County Administrative Office	Smith, Janeen—WC Housing Services
Eldridge-Smith, Brad—Interpersonal Frequency	Sparr, Nina—US Dept of Veteran Affairs HUD-VASH
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services	Takayama, Sage—WC Housing Services
Franco, Magali—OHSU-Tuality Alliance	Taylor, Alex—Community Action Organization
Gibb, Courtney—Hillsboro SD/HEN	Taylor, Rowie—DVRC
Gnant, Brylee—Family Promise of Tualatin Valley	Telle, Elizabeth— Hillsboro Library Shute Park
Gonzalez, Miguel—Open Door HousingWorks	Trinkle, Jamie—Oregon Law Center
Graves, Erika—Just Compassion EWC	Valencia Aguilar, Mari—WC Office of Community Dev.
Gribbon, Maddy—Metropolitan Public Defender	Valfre, Val—Forest Grove Foundation
Hageman, Heidi—New Narrative	Williams, Natalie—WC Office of Community Development
Hasan, Connie—Family Promise GWC	Williams, Stacy—WC Housing Services
Heath, Kelsey—Metropolitan Public Defender	Wilson-Coleman, Alisa—Citizen At-large
Kalevor, Komi—Housing Authority WC	Youngs, Steven—Bridges to Change

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative, annette_evans@co.washington.or.us
Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative, kgalian@caowash.org

I. WELCOME

Mental Health Wellness Moment observed.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve August 4, 2021 meeting minutes.

Action: Val Valfre

Second: Mellani Calvin

Vote: Approved, consensus.

III. GUEST SPEAKERS

Tina Kennedy, Fort Kennedy Day Center and Veteran Resources “Fort Kennedy”

Tina Kennedy shared personal background which included 22 years in the US Army before retiring in 2014. Upon retirement she opened a homeless veteran day center to help homeless veterans access veteran services. The center is an entirely privately funded non-profit organization. Initially, their focus was on veterans in Clackamas County where the 5000 square foot space is located, but now offer their services to Multnomah County veterans and would like to do the same for Washington County veterans as well. She shared a [flyer](#) for the day center which included location and contact information, hours of operation, an overview of the services they can provide and a list of partnering agencies. She noted services included those of an attorney available once per week, a hairdresser who comes in every other week, and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held at the day center. Over the past five (5) years, over 3000 veterans and their family members have come through her doors.

Tina shared a weekly [schedule of services](#) noting appointments can be scheduled by calling their office. She planned to be at the Veteran Stand Down event on October 15 at Sunrise Church in Hillsboro. Being privately funded allows her day center to assist with payment of minor outstanding debt that might be a barrier to a veteran qualifying for the HUD-VASH program. With her work in Human Resources Command (HRC) in St. Louis, MO while in the military, and HRC connections she has continued to maintain, she can easily determine veteran status of a homeless individual, the benefits available to them, and obtain veteran records. She offered her services to anyone running into roadblocks trying to obtain veteran records and shared her willingness to partner with agencies in Washington County, inviting anyone interested in touring the day center to call her at (503) 765-2661.

Given the current news climate, she shared a noted increase in suicide and mental health crises for veterans of Afghanistan and Vietnam. She encouraged anyone working with veterans to check on them just to see how they were doing.

Do you have plans to establish a day center in Washington County, or are you looking to take referrals to the Clackamas County day center?

The way the non-profit is established makes it difficult to expand physical locations. Her purpose in presenting today was to inform Washington County agencies of the services the day center can provide and to offer her services to them. She hoped another agency might take her model and expand on it in Washington County.

Does the Fort Kennedy Day Center still have a vehicle repair program?

Tina has someone that does small vehicle repairs (less than \$200) who graciously only charges the day center for parts. He is extremely busy with paying clients, but does squeeze in a veteran's repair from time to time.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Washington County Webpage Redesign – Highland Edelman

Highland Edelman shared the website redesign was a two (2) year project which is expected to be completed in April 2022. She introduced Schelli Dittman (located in Washington DC), Brad Eldridge-Smith (located in Springhill, TN) and Megan Anderson (located in Minneapolis, MN) from Interpersonal Frequency, a consultant hired to help with the project. Several different methods were being employed to solicit feedback to better understand and address the community's website needs. Community listening sessions include a user experience survey posted to the current website that had received a few hundred responses, another survey launched by Interpersonal Frequency to gather additional data, and small group sessions like today, where Highland and her

team were soliciting user experience feedback from HSSN members. Several questions were asked to include whether the HSSN members used the website, and if so, the frequency, which pages were being accessed and the user's experience when doing so. She shared the website's homepage and asked members to share items they noticed that were most visible or challenging. In conclusion, Highland asked members to identify sites they thought were easy to navigate and well designed. She directed members to the county website to complete a second user experience survey that they would be prompted to complete within a pop-up sidebar. Additional feedback/questions regarding the county website, suggestions for other groups to solicit feedback from, or interest in being part of the design review can be directed to Highland Edelman at highland_edelman@co.washington.or.us.

B. Community Connect Modernization and Policy Amendment – Alex Devin

Alex shared the proposed modernized phased assessments within Community Connect and the accompanying Community Connect Policy Amendments to be presented for approval by the CoC Board at a special meeting on September 9. Community engagement in the development of the modernized assessments included a 4-part series of meetings, focus groups targeting current Community Connect Assessors specifically on the Phase I assessment, online feedback, 1:1 feedback and a focus group targeting Retention Specialists specifically on the Phase III assessment. He expects the Phase III assessment will continue to evolve as new resources are added and will be an effective tool to connect people to all the wrap around and ancillary resources available to keep them housed. The next stage in the process was to integrate and test the assessments in HMIS prior to launch, which will include testing sessions using mock enrollments with Assessors, Housing Providers and Retention Specialists. Also, the Phase IV assessment will be completed with feedback from whiteboard sessions and providers, and HMIS testing as well.

Phase I and II assessments are scheduled to be integrated into Community Connect and go live in October in alignment with HUD Data Standards. The Phase III assessment is expected to go live in December and Phase IV in January. Trainings to transition to the new assessment model will be scheduled for late September/early October. For more information, contact Alex Devin at alex_devin@co.washington.or.us.

C. Winter Shelter Program – Alex Devin

Alex reviewed the SHS Program Year 1 shelter goals of expanding capacity with 100 year-round beds and maintaining the existing winter shelter capacity of 150 beds, and the longer-term goal of providing 250 year-round beds. The SHS Program was pleased to report they were currently working with agencies to provide more than 167 winter shelter beds and 102 year-round shelter beds through bridge shelters at Econo Lodge (60), Aloha Inn (22) and Forest Grove Inn (20).

D. FY2021 CoC Program Homeless Assistance Grant Competition – Annette Evans

On August 18 HUD released the [FY2021 CoC Program Notice of Funding Available](#) (NOFA) which included \$4,074,317 available for renewing projects, \$203,716 in CoC Bonus and \$357,076 in DV Bonus funds for new housing projects. HUD's CoC Program is not an entitlement program but includes a competitive grant competition where HUD scores applications using points applied to a variety of CoC performance criteria for work in the previous year (Exhibit 1). Funding for new and renewing project applications (Exhibit 2) is based on local scoring criteria outlined in the CoC Program Application policy and will need to meet a threshold review and HUD project scoring that includes points based on Exhibit 1. All project sponsors submitting renewing or new projects are required to provide 25% match. Washington County Housing Services will prepare and submit the application as the collaborative applicant for the CoC (OR-506CoC). Annette

reviewed the timeline for application submission, noting the Request For Proposal (RFP) for new projects would be delayed until September 2 after the HUD webinar and release of technical guidance for the application. The RFP will be published through the HSSN listserv and uploaded to the [county's website](#). Agencies with new project proposals will make presentations and projects will be scored at the October 6 HSSN meeting. The CoC Board, at their October 8 meeting, will complete rating, ranking and select projects to be included in the grant application. Following a 2-week public comment period, the application will to be submitted to HUD by November 16.

Annette reviewed the eligible activities (project types) for new projects, noting it did not include street outreach, day center operations, shelter operations or support services not associated with a housing or a support service facility. Individuals and/or agencies whose combined HSSN meeting attendance over the program year (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) met the required 8+ meetings will be eligible to vote on new projects. Meeting participants from eligible agencies will receive a score sheet via email prior to October 6. On October 6, after project presentations, eligible agency participants will be moved to a breakout room to complete one score sheet to be submitted by a designated representative from each agency. Annette shared the list of eligible agencies and asked that any corrections be directed to Vara Fellger at vara_fellger@co.washington.or.us. Agencies interested in submitting a new project should contact Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us.

Since Sojourner House would be one of the renewing projects, could it be submitted as a new project under the DV Bonus instead and allow funding for other projects?

Annette shared, the CoC had in the past unsuccessfully submitted projects for DV Bonus funds and therefore, elected to submit the Sojourner House in Tier 1 projects to make sure it was funded. The CoC Board could put Sojourner House outside of Tier 1 and in DV Bonus during their rating and ranking, which could place it in funding jeopardy if we don't get the DV Bonus, or they could leave it in Tier 1 which would provide renewal funding. Annette offered to arrange a meeting with DVRC staff and the HUD Field Office staff to discuss options.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Minette Lukban of OHSU-Tuality Alliance shared a [link](#) for information on a 12-session ECHO series, Veterans and Military Behavioral Health, available to primary care and behavioral health clinicians scheduled for Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m., September 16 – December 9, 2021.
- Even though the ASSIST Program primarily works in Washington County, free SSI consultations were available to anyone. Any veteran with a work record after military service who has become disabled may qualify for SSI. For more information contact Mellani Calvin, (503) 888-2690 or mcalvin@assistdbtc.com.
- Rhonda Lloyd announced The Salvation Army has openings for veterans in transition from homelessness. For more information, contact Rhonda at rhonda.lloyd@usw.salvationarmy.org.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 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