



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

*Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County*

**Wednesday, November 7, 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.**

- John Wheeler, Washington County Emergency Management Cooperative  
“Shelter Response Planning for Disasters”
- Melanie Adrian, OneApp  
“OneApp Oregon Program”
- Megan Cohen, City of Beaverton  
“Safe Parking Program”

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:25 a.m. .... Action Item**

**IV. REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES: 9:30 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
  - “Community Connect” Oversight Committee
- HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup [the CoC Board]
- Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC)

**V. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:45 a.m.**

- HSSN Governance: Two vacant positions with terms ending 6/2019 representing: Chronic Homeless Populations and Community Corrections or Jail. Nominations due by 11/19/2018 and election on 12/5/18.
- Metro “Trash Bag Collection” pilot project.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Guest Speaker(s): Andy Cartmill and Juli Pearson, Washington County HHS - Addictions Care Coordination  
Jennie Proctor, Washington County Office of Community Development – Consolidated Plan

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 or email [Annette\\_Evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us)

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**HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK**  
**Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County**  
Beaverton Building  
October 3, 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  
Alexander, Allie—Good Neighbor Center  
Altamirano, Daniel—Forest Grove TES (Pacific Univ)  
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center  
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.  
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program  
Cattrell, Tonia—Citizen at Large  
Cohen, Megan—City of Beaverton  
Coppiano, Zoila—Community Action Organization  
Dwyer, DaNene—Portland Community College  
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services  
Fellger, Vara—Washington County Housing Services  
Garcia-Gomez, Abel—Hillsboro School District  
Gibb, Courtney—Hillsboro School District  
Haeder, Paul—Salvation Army Veteran & Family Center  
Heart, Annie—Family Promise of Washington County  
Herrejon Chavez, Andres—Hillsboro School District/HEN  
Johnson, Ellen—Oregon Law Center  
Jones, Arlene—Disability Rights of Oregon  
Knutson, Jennifer—Boys & Girls Aid  
Ludwig, Anya—Cascade AIDS Project  
Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro  
Matti, Vera—Lutheran Community Services  
Mattia, Matt—Office of Community Development

Mojira, Emily—Boys & Girls Aid  
Neilson, Jesse—Oregon Law Center  
Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center  
Peterson, Marlys—Safe Families For Children  
Petros, Cadence—Citizen at Large  
Rizo, Regina—Veteran Affairs/HUD VASH  
Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization  
Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton  
Schimmel, Brian—Old Town Church  
Segura, Adriana—Community Action Organization  
Sepulveda, Mary—Virginia Garcia Health  
Sheller, Gayle--DVRC  
Smith, Gary—U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs  
Starbuck, Emily—Oregon Dept. of Employment  
Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries – Second Home  
Taylor, Molly—Oregon Dept. of Human Services  
Taylor, Rowie--DVRC  
Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living/DEAR  
Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate  
Weller, Sarah—Write Around Portland  
Yeroth, Erin—Family Promise of Washington County  
Yokoyama, Kelly—Housing Independence

Chair: Annette Evans, Public Agency Representative [annette\\_evans@co.washington.or.us](mailto:annette_evans@co.washington.or.us)  
Co-Chair: Katherine Galian, Nonprofit Agency Representative [kgalian@caowash.org](mailto:kgalian@caowash.org)

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

**II. GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Emily Starbuck, Washington County Economist, Oregon Department of Employment  
“Low-Income Employment and Housing Implications”**

Emily Starbuck provided an overview of the county’s economy noting the disparity between increases in rent and income in the Portland area, where annual average wages increased 8% since 2012 (adjusted for inflation) and fair market rents increased 34%. HUD considered households paying more than 30% of their monthly income on housing, were rent-burdened, which currently includes households making less than \$40,752 per year. According to the Zillow Rent Index, median rents in Washington County only grew by 1% last year to \$1,522 for multifamily rentals and \$1,882 for single family rentals, indicating the trend appears to be flattening.

Wilsonville continues to lead population growth in Washington County for the past 5 years; however, Forest Grove, Cornelius and the outer communities were expected to see more of the growth over the next five years. The unemployment rate in Washington County was lower than the rest of the state at 3.3% compared to 4.1% and had the highest average wages in Oregon at \$68,180. Over the past 10 years, 17% of employment growth in Washington County was in the high wage industries (high-tech manufacturing, professional and business services), only 8% in middle-wage (construction, non-high-tech manufacturing) and 14% in the low-wage industry tier (education, retail and leisure and hospitality) where the average annual salary was \$27,410. The numbers of jobs in the middle-wage sector were not growing as fast as jobs on either end of the spectrum, a trend Emily expected to continue. The exception was the Construction Industry where job growth was expected to double over the next 10 years.

One-third of households (72,000) in Washington County were considered low income, more than half of whom were employed in lower income industries and earned less than \$58,650 per year for a family of four. Of the low income residents in Washington County, 44% were people of color, 37% spoke a language other than English at home, had a 5% unemployment rate (compared to the county average of 3.3%) and 41% were not in the labor force (students, retirees and those who had stopped looking for work). People of color represented one-third of the total workforce in Washington County and were disproportionately represented in low-income brackets, even when working full time. Emily noted, where people of color made up more than 33% of the population, those areas also had higher poverty rates. She highlighted downtown Hillsboro as an example, with a 75% concentration of people of color and a 47% poverty rate, stating it represented a microcosm case study of Washington County, with Intel just up the road but yet a high concentration of poverty and diversity. She recognized the correlation between higher education and higher income, noting only 22% of lower income residents had a degree.

A slightly lower job growth was projected for the Tri-County area over the next ten years from 15% to 13%, representing a total 1.3 million job openings (new jobs, turnover, job changes, retirements and churning). Lower-wage employment (retail sales, cashiers, wait staff and food preparation) is projected to grow 12% in the Tri-County area between 2017 and 2027, with over half of the jobs expected to be in the low and very low-wage categories. The fastest growing occupations employing at least 500 people were projected to be home health aides, post-secondary health specialty teachers, software developers and medical assistants. One in four new jobs was expected to be in healthcare over the next 10 years. For more information, contact Emily at [Emily.A.Starbuck@Oregon.gov](mailto:Emily.A.Starbuck@Oregon.gov) or (503) 360-2421.

#### Questions & Answers:

##### **Does household income data include households receiving Social Security income?**

Income data was from the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey Public Use Microdata, 2016 1-year estimates for Washington County, and includes total income (wages, unemployment insurance benefits, Social Security and Disability income).

##### **Was the U-6 unemployment rate (7.4%) used for your unemployment data?**

The standard unemployment rate used by the County for unemployment data is the U-3 rate produced by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics which looked at everyone currently looking for a job. The U-6 rate is the broadest of the unemployment rates and takes into account discouraged workers, people who work part-time and would like to work full-time as well as other unemployment situations. It is not produced below the state-wide level but has shown a decline similar to the U-3 rate. Wage information by occupation is available at

<https://www.qualityinfo.org/>

**Is jobs and employment information available at the city level?**

Some data is available for larger cities like Beaverton and Hillsboro but is limited for smaller cities. Anyone needing demographic data at the city level should contact Emily directly.

**Who are the remaining 25% of people not in the labor force comprised of?**

Some are students, stay at home parents not actively looking for work and others could be discouraged workers who have stopped looking for work.

**Arlene Jones, Disability Rights of Oregon****“Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA)”**

Arlene provided an overview of Disability Rights of Oregon, Oregon’s advocacy organization protecting individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, traumatic brain injury, mental health, Americans with Disabilities (ADA), fair housing, voting rights and special education just to name a few. The WIPA Program, also known as “Plan for Work,” resides under the Disability Rights of Oregon umbrella, but is a program funded primarily by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to promote employment and financial independence for beneficiaries of SSA disability programs (Title II or Title XVI) through Community Work Incentives Coordinators (CWICs). CWICs are trained and certified staff that primarily use distance technology to provide individualized, in-depth, employment focused benefits counseling and work incentives planning to qualified SSA beneficiaries. Their goal is to increase the number of SSA benefit recipients who choose to work, support disability beneficiaries in maintaining employment, provide counseling for beneficiaries to increase earning capacity and ultimately, reduce dependency on disability benefits and other income support programs. Program participants are served in priority order. First, Transition-age youth (ages 14 – 25) regardless of where they are in the employment continuum; next, those currently working or engaged in self-employment with a need for or interest in individualized work incentive planning and assistance services and finally, those actively pursuing employment/self-employment interested in receiving work-related counseling even if they are in the early stages of considering/preparing for work. Agencies who refer clients to the WIPA program should: (1) Only refer eligible beneficiaries; (2) refer beneficiaries before employment begins; (3) Educate beneficiaries about WIPA services so they know what to expect; (4) When in doubt, refer beneficiaries to the Ticket to Work Help Line for assistance, 1 (866) 968-7842. Referrals to WIPA can be made to the intake line, (503) 323-9159, toll free at 1(833) 438-7308 or via email to [pfw@droregon.org](mailto:pfw@droregon.org).

Questions & Answers:**How long does it take to verify benefits information?**

It depends on the workload at the SSA office they would need to work with. As an example, the person doing the processing at the Beaverton Social Security only works three days per week and processes requests once per month. Other offices might take two months to process requests. It takes two weeks to verify benefits information from the State of Oregon.

**How do you connect program participants to jobs?**

CWICs help participants in exploring what they are looking for in a job and then provide alternatives and/or counselling for obtaining those opportunities.

**Jesse Neilson, Staff Attorney, Oregon Law Center****“Beaverton Parking/Camping Ordinance”**

Jesse provided an overview of the legal services provided by the Oregon Law Center in general, and more specifically, the Hillsboro office, which served low income individuals in the Washington County area. He addressed the Beaverton Camping ordinance which prohibited the sleeping in public right-of-way spaces with violations that may result in potential jail time. Oregon Law Center was concerned about the legality of the ordinance in light of the lack of shelter and alternatives for people experiencing homelessness in Beaverton and surrounding areas. He referenced a recent federal ruling of a similar

ordinance in Boise, Idaho which was struck down as unconstitutional when the individual had no other place to live. They have spoken to several people who were being impacted by the Beaverton ordinance, but were looking for more in order to find a lead plaintiff and to better understand the people who were being impacted by the ordinance. Agencies working with impacted clients should refer them to (503) 640-4115, or [jneilson@oregonlawcenter.org](mailto:jneilson@oregonlawcenter.org).

Questions & Answers:

**What is the jail time for violations?**

Violators of the ordinance should first be given a notice (which is at the police officer's discretion) and then issued a fine of up to \$200 and/or 30 days in jail. Currently, it appears violators are not being formally cited, but given notices and are moving outside of Beaverton city limits as a result. Jesse clarified that persons currently impacted might be those who have had to move and living in other jurisdictions to avoid a violation of the ordinance and seizure of their vehicle.

**How will the potential legal challenge be affected by Beaverton's amendment of the Safe Parking ordinance to include alternatives for homeless individuals?**

The issue is whether there are enough alternatives for homeless individuals and also the realization that homelessness is a regional issue affecting all of us.

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion: Approve the September 5, 2018 HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Zoila Coppiano

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

**IV. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA)**

Annette reported the LSA replaces the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) that reports data for Shelter, Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing outcomes which HUD reports to Congress to assist them in making funding decisions. Data from the LSA will be expanded to include rapid rehousing. The 2017 AHAR data was recently used by the Metro-funded Housing Equity Planning grant to determine need for permanent supportive housing in the tri-county region. Whether the regional bond measure passes or not, the plan will exist and directs Washington County to construct 226 units of permanent supportive housing and provide funding for services to support those individuals. HUD has changed the way data is to be reported, requiring it to be uploaded directly from HMIS as a CSV file. Kristy has been working with agencies to clean up data issues. Annette suggested agencies periodically run data quality reports to catch any data issues while clients were still in their programs. HUD has released the LSA specifications to the HMIS vendor who is working to make the software modifications required.

**A Road Home: Subcommittee updates on plan implementation.**

Annette reviewed the goals and strategies to implement the new homeless plan, *A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Washington County* and the reporting that as required by sub-committee leaders in their implementation of the strategies. She will be contacting leaders to obtain data to update the report published on the website.

**B. Winter 2018/2019 Severe Weather Shelter (SWS) Response Plan**

Annette reported SWS will be coming online November 1 to increase bed capacity for the winter months and should help with the current shelter wait list. It is a very

coordinated plan with the SWS list provided to agencies via the HSSN ListServ and re-serve as additional nights are added as needed or changes are made to the plan. SWS serve clients on a first come first serve basis with a shelter open every night of the week in Washington County, averaging 100 additional beds per night once Sunrise comes on board December 3. SWS Coordinators work closely with each other to not turn anyone away. Megan Cohen reported Beaverton Just Compassion SWS will open on Thursday, November 1. There will continue to be two SWS in western Washington County: United Church of Christ in Forest Grove and Old Town Church Shelter located at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Cornelius. Both SWS will have space for families with children. Washington County Health and Human Services is working with the shelters regarding flu vaccines for homeless residing in shelters. Most Washington County SWS do not require TB cards except Shelter at Orenco Station (SOS) which is a 90 day shelter program that requires registration and enrollment. This year, for the first time, Community Action Organization received state funding to operate winter shelters. A new requirement, as a result, is to report data about guests into HMIS, which should help with tracking sources of health issues, if they come up this year.

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Matt Mattia announced a public hearing on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00pm at the Public Services Building for Washington County Community Development and the City of Beaverton's Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPR) to HUD. He noted the recent HSSN ListServ notice provided information on how to submit comments.
- Rowie Taylor from DVRC announced October was Domestic Violence Awareness month and she had a basket of items to share which included information, pens and purple ribbons to show support.
- Andres Herrejon Chavez of Hillsboro School District/HEN reported homeless student data as of October 1. Last year Beaverton School District reported 658 homeless students and Hillsboro School District, 118. This year they were at 965 and 165 students respectively. The first HEN meeting of the year is scheduled for October 23.
- Emma Deppa of City of Beaverton announced they will be presenting information about their Consolidated Plan (Plan) at the November HSSN meeting. They are seeking agency engagement and feedback to inform their goals and objectives for funding levels and activities for the next five years. A kick-off event is planned in December with a panel discussion of emerging issues in the County. She hoped HSSN agency representatives might want to be included on the panel. There will also be housing and non-housing provider break-out sessions (workshops) to determine what the different needs were. By a show of hands, it was determined Hillsboro would be a better location for workshops.
- Annie Heart of Family Promise of Washington County announced SouthMinster Presbyterian Church, one of their hosting congregations, were having a "Human Is" benefit concert on Saturday, October 6 at 6:30pm. Human Is promotes peace and understanding through music and provide advocacy for those who don't have a voice. The concert is free, with an opportunity to provide a donation.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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

Handouts:

- Plan for Work – WIPA contact information/SSA has two Disability Benefit Programs
- Social Security Work Incentives – 2018 Quick Reference Guide
- A Road Home: Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in Washington County, July 2018-June 2019

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