



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

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.

- Stacey Triplett, Worksystems Inc.
“Economic Opportunities Program”
- Erin Parrish, Washington County Health and Human Services
“HIV/STI Program”

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:20 a.m. Action Item

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:25 a.m.

- Consolidated Plan Funding Priorities – Jennie Proctor, Office of Community Development
- Election of HSSN Workgroup vacant position (CoC Board) Action Item

Positions	Slate of Nominees
Business/Employment	Blair Schaeffer-Bisht, Worksystems Inc.

- *Built For Zero* Team Update
- Severe Weather Shelter Operations for Winter 2019/2020

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Guest Speaker(s):

- John Wheeler, “Shelter Planning in a Disaster”
- Marisa Zapata, PhD, PSU Report on Homelessness and Housing Insecurity

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>



HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton Building
October 2, 2019, 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:

Alexander, Allie---Good Neighbor Center	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Bittinger, Phyllis—WC Housing Services	Potter, Yvette—WC Dept of Aging & Veteran Services
Brown, Andrew—Ecumenical Ministries-Metro Homeshare	Ram, Sarala—CODA Inc.
Brownell, Amy—Ecumenical Ministries-Second Home	Robert, Lydia—Housing Independence
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Rogers, Patrick—Community Action Organization
Calvin, Mellani—ASSIST Program	Ruiz, Ally—Community Action Organization
Cervantes, Maria—DHA-Tigard	Ruiz-Hom, Elise—Boys & Girls Aid
Chichester, Lezlie—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Schaff Laubach, Elise—Metro HomeShare
Evans, Annette—WC Housing Services	Smith, Gary—U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Swearingin, Nicole—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Greenlaw-Fink, Sheila—The Community Housing Fund	Takayama, Sage—W.C. Veteran Services
Hawkins, Tanya—Gung Ho Ministries	Taylor, Rosemary "Rowie"—DVRC
Heart, Annie—Family Promise of Washington County	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Ind. Living & DEAR
Hobbs, Juri—Portland Rescue Mission	Tirado, Sabrina—Community Action Organization
Jones, Ariana--DVRC	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton CDBG
Ludlam, Mandie—Community Housing Fund	Valdez, Bianetth—HomePlate Youth Services
Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro	Valencia, Mari—WC Office of Community Development
Merkel, Cole—Here Together	VanTersch, Meghan—CAP
Pagalan, Mike—Providence St. Vincent	VanVleet, Emily—City of Beaverton
Pardee, James—Beaverton Ctr for Mediation & Dialogue	

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 SPEAKERS

Cole Merkel, Deputy Director Outreach and Engagement for Here Together, explained that the goal of Here Together is to support a region-wide response to homelessness that targets the roots of the problem. He described multiple factors contributing to the current crisis and provided a historical overview to demonstrate the longevity of events that have culminated in the current situation. He pointed out that a KGW survey emphasized the widespread influence of homelessness, with over 40% of respondents saying they had family members or friends currently experiencing homelessness. Cole related that many members of the public want to find ways to end homelessness and they want to see visible differences made when actions are taken to address the crisis. Top concerns surrounding the issue include housing costs, shelters and public safety. He stressed that, despite the severity and magnitude of the problem, there is room for optimism. Communities are coming together to develop plans to build more affordable housing and committing to applying proven strategies, such as the housing first model with wraparound services. Here Together's

project plan is to expand public awareness and provide education surrounding homelessness, stress solutions that are working, support a regional approach to ending homelessness, and develop public support for finding necessary resources. Once it is determined what voters are willing to support, it will be necessary for a government agency, such as Metro, to refer the option. Here Together is structured as a short-term non-profit, so the goal is to get funding initiatives on the ballot, work from community input and let the community decide where the funds should go. It is possible that Here Together may exist in some form afterwards to assist with implementation, but ultimately, their organization is designed to collect and unite research and education to bolster the ballot initiative. Cole reviewed project milestones and possible funding sources under consideration. They will share details about their coalition's field poll with their advisory committee members on October 11th, with hopes of sharing more information with the public soon thereafter.

Fawn Preston, Founder and Director of AWARE Consulting, recounted how the Advocacy Wellness Action Recovery Education (AWARE) approach to trauma informed care began. She has been working with individuals affected by complex trauma for 14 years and has been conducting training for 10 of those years. When she became aware that people don't always understand what trauma informed care is, and/or don't know how to implement it, Fawn developed curriculum to provide training that would bridge the gap from understanding to implementation. The Keep Calm and Connect training program is designed for direct service providers, people working in law enforcement, medical staff, and others to enable them to effectively connect with anyone experiencing an emotional crisis.

Tanya Hawkins, Founder and Director of Gung Ho Ministries, shared that the need for Gung Ho Ministries grew from her initial efforts to provide food and clothing to the homeless in situ years ago. When she progressed to holding garage sales to raise money for local homeless outreach, community members responded with donations of their own items. The response was so generous that Tanya's family graduated from garage sales to owning a store to sell the donated items. Outreach is now focused on assisting veterans in need, and the result is that Gung Ho Ministries now benefits from revenue earned through the sales of donated items at Tanya's resale shop in downtown Beaverton. Anyone bringing donations to the store will receive 20% off the cost of non-sale items. Cash donations are also accepted.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve September 4, 2019 meeting minutes.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Lezlie Chichester

Vote: Approved, unanimous

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

Severe Weather Shelters open November 2nd.

Annette Evans reported there are eight shelters that submitted their commitments to be open. That information has been uploaded to the 911 dispatch center. It will still be necessary to work through some funding aspects to ensure there are enough resources for the shelters to remain open for the full five months. Shelters will be open on a staggered basis in many communities to cover all days of the week. The SOS shelter in Hillsboro will open December 2nd and will remain open for 90 days straight. They are currently seeking volunteers.

Election of HSSN Workgroup positions (CoC Board). Seeking nominations for business sector positions.

Annette Evans explained that the position should be filled by someone who is a business or employment focused representative who has opportunities to offer internships or

employment or is able to add an employment perspective to HSSN policy making discussions. A proposal has been received, but the nominee has not yet confirmed. Nominations will stay open until a vote can be held to fill the position.

HUD Application

The HUD application was submitted less than two weeks ago, and results are expected to be announced in January or February 2020.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Community Action Organization opened a Tigard office this week on the corner of Highway 99 and Durham. Community Connect appointments as well as energy assistance appointments will be available. The office space is also occupied by staff from WIC and the Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services.
- Luke-Dorf's day center located in Hillsboro—Comfort Zone—has begun expanded hours for the severe weather season through March 30th. The center is now open 9:30am-3:00pm five days a week.
- The Portland Rescue Mission has completed their remodeling project downtown, and improvements have also been made to security features. There are currently two openings at The Harbor.
- Cascade Aids Project is recruiting for a bilingual Housing Navigator and two new Peer Support Specialists.
- If anyone is planning to apply for CDBG funding through the City of Beaverton, their workshop schedule has been pushed back to December this year.
- HomePlate just opened their Aloha location with hours on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-8:00pm. They also have a program called Project Opportunity, which is in its pilot year. A FAFSA workshop will be held Monday at the drop-in location in Beaverton from 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- Metro HomeShare has hired a new Client Services Coordinator for Washington County. Ecumenical Ministries Metro HomeShare is new to Washington County. They match low-income home providers with low-income home seekers. They are also experimenting with matching seekers with each other to enable them to combine resources to obtain housing. The Cities of Hillsboro, Beaverton and Tigard, along with Washington County are all partnering with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon to bring these services to Washington County.
- National Family Promise week is October 20 through 27, with October 25 the Day Of Giving. The Board of County Commissioners will proclaim Family Promise week at their 10:00a.m. meeting on October 15th, which is open to the public.
- The Community Housing Fund leaders want to make sure everyone is aware of the Washington County Housing Advocates Leadership Program. Program applications can be completed online and convening dates are November 2019-June 2020.
- The Washington County Office of Community Development will offer CDBG Program application workshops on November 19th; attendance is mandatory for all program applicants.
- Boys and Girls Aid has a part-time (25 hours/wk) opening for a Youth Care Counselor position. The age group served is 12-20. The severe weather shelter will be opening November 1st.
- DVRC noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as well as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A flyer outlining events will be distributed to the HSSN group. Monica's House emergency center's renovation work has been completed.
- Family Promise assists children and families who are homeless and works to help them attain permanent housing while providing food, shelter and support services. Scouting

units recently benefitted from the opportunity to help Family Promise of Beaverton set up sleeping areas for the homeless.

- Enrollment filled to capacity quickly for The Role of the Health Plan in Coordinating Health Care training, which was held yesterday. Anyone who attended should remember to complete the survey. The Oregon Health Authority will open enrollment for all participants in the Oregon Health Plan beginning October 16.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Phyllis Bittinger, Washington County Department of Housing Services

Handouts:

- Keep Calm and Connect

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