



**HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK**

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

**Wednesday, December 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.**

- Mr. Matthew Davis, MPH, Washington County Health and Human Services  
“Washington County Community Health Assessment”
- Mr. Pat Rogers, Community Action  
“2017 Point In Time (PIT) Homeless Count”

**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] – 12/9/2016
- Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) – 1/19/2017
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

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

- Consultation with CoC for Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) Budget Revision.
- Nomination and election to fill vacancies on HSSN Workgroup..... Action Item

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55 a.m.**

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Guest Speaker(s): Mr. Walt Peck, Mental Health Urgent Care Center (MHUCC), and Ms. Pam Hester, CareOregon on Social Determinants of Health Programs

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

Auslander, Jay—Washington County Mental Health	Orr, Patrick—Cascade AIDS Project
Brouhard, Elyse— Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Perkowski, Kaja—Open Door Counseling Center
Browning, Rose—Good Neighbor Center	Pero, David—McKinney/Vento Liaison/Homeless Ed. Network
Bundy, Valerie—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Portman, Cheri—Job Corps
Burnham, Jeff—Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Potter, Yvette—Washington County DAVS
Calvin, Mellani—Program ASSIST	Proctor, Jennie—Wash. Co. Community Development
Carter, Kyle—Program ASSIST	Rivers, Henry—Community Action Organization
Clevidence, Veronica—Washington County Housing Svcs	Salvon, Jeff—City of Beaverton
Cockeram, Tami—City of Hillsboro	Schwab, Jack—Good Neighbor Center
Davis, Randall— Washington County Reentry Council	Seward, Michelle—LifeWorks NW
Earp, Eric—Bridges to Change	Smicker, Ron—Union Gospel Mission
Evans, Annette—Washington County Housing Services	Stoller, Rick—Ecumenical Ministries Second Home
Galian, Katherine—Community Action Organization	Teifel, Gordon—Families for Independent Living & DEAR
Hernandez-Fuerte, Isobel—Impact NW	Thomas, Josh—Washington Co. HHS Residential Specialist
Herron, Carol—St. Anthony's Shelter/Just Compassion	Trunnell, Alan—City of Beaverton
Lemmon, Patrick—Family Justice Center	Werner, Judy—Lutheran Community Services
Mandujano, Clara—Domestic Violence Resource Center	Williamson, Drew—Boys and Girls Aid
Martinez, Omar—City of Hillsboro	Yates, Brittany—Housing Independence
Mattia, Matt—Wash. Co. Community Development	Yokoyama, Kelly—Housing Independence
McVey, Jaycanna—Washington County Housing Services	Zuniga, Justine—Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Mendez-Sandoval, Dayna—Housing Independence	
Miller, Marilyn – Oregon Housing and Community Services	

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 SPEAKER**

**Family Justice Center: A Safe Place for DV Victims and Their Children**

Mr. Patrick Lemmon, Project Manager of the Washington County Family Justice Center

Patrick Lemmon gave an overview of the Family Justice Center (FJC). The FJC has been in the discussion stage since 2003, and is getting closer to becoming a reality. The vision includes meeting all the needs of domestic violence survivors under one roof, with the goals of ending the cycle of abuse and helping families and communities heal and thrive. It is clear there is a need to address domestic violence (DV) in Washington County; DV calls increased by over 100 calls from 2014 to 2015, and since 2000 there have been 53 deaths that involved family or partner violence. Serving DV victims reduces overall domestic violence, which not only reduces the number of those people experiencing the crisis, but also reduces the financial burden of enforcement, prosecution, jailing, and/or supervision of offenders.

Currently, a survivor must visit multiple locations to obtain needed assistance. By mid-2017, the goal is to offer one centralized location in which survivors and their children can meet all their urgent needs under one roof, including a safe place to stay. Fundraising for the project is planned, and the search for a good space is ongoing. The FJC seeks to secure 13,000 square feet facility, knowing that growth will likely be needed in the future. The annual budget is \$750,000 which will allow partners to be onsite rent-free. Most of the staff will be provided by partner agencies.

The current work being done toward the realization of the FJC includes engaging all the communities within Washington County, particularly those that are underserved; bringing in a wide variety of partners to meet the needs of survivors; and informing survivors and the people who know them about the new and easier way to find a path toward a safer and healthier family. In sharing this information, communication is focusing on funders, partners, collaborators, and participants. Information is available on the website [www.fjcwashco.org](http://www.fjcwashco.org).

### **Alignment of State and CoC Funding**

Ms. Marilyn Miller, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and Ms. Katherine Galian, Community Action of Washington County (CAO)

Marilyn Miller reported Oregon is ranked number 1 in the increase in both sheltered and unsheltered chronically homeless individuals, and number 2 in the increased number of unsheltered households, but is also ranked number 2 in the percentage drop in homeless families. Oregon is ranked third in the increase of overall homeless, in unsheltered veterans, and in overall homeless veterans. The state has invested a total of \$21,461,901 in 2015-17. The state seeks to align funding in support of the CoC work to create efficiencies and outcomes.

Marilyn shared some of the state funding streams and the ways in which they are allocated. Katherine Galian explained the breakdown of the OHCS funding totaling \$2,094,368 for Washington County. OHCS has provided Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA); EHA Veterans Document Recording Fee; EHA One-Time Only General Fund; State Homeless Assistance Program (SHAP); SHAP One-Time Only General Fund; Low-Income Rental Housing Fund (LIRHF); and Housing Stabilization Program (HSP) in 2015-17. The SHAP one-time funding is not currently renewable; to be available in the future would require the passing of Measure 97 in the upcoming election. The EHA one-time only funding, after a consultation with the HSSN Workgroup, was used for eviction prevention and to shift funding to triple the investment in street outreach. The SHAP funding was split amongst the emergency shelters, and the LIRHF was used to provide either rapid rehousing or prevention services. The HSP was used for rapid rehousing.

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in Washington County is administered by Community Action, which receives two ESG allocations that include OHCS which is in addition to the investments listed above, and the Washington County Office of Community Development (OCD). These allocations fund emergency shelters, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, data collection, and have increased street outreach.

Marilyn shared that the new director of OHCS is Margaret Salazar, the former HUD Portland Field Office Director. Other announcements include a Statewide CoC Lead meeting on Thursday, November 10, to provide input on the proposed alignment of funds between OHCS and CoCs. Marilyn believes that the state can broaden and enhance the work being done locally through networking with various state and federal agencies, including looking at the use of Medicaid dollars to support housing for the homeless.

Marilyn then asked for HSSN input on the following questions:

- Should OHCS address homelessness through a broader statewide system that includes Continuums of Care, Housing Authorities, Oregon Health Authority, State Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Human Services and Business Oregon? Others?
- Other states have been successful through statewide targeting and strategic investment to reduce homelessness. Is this a direction Oregon should consider? What are the risks and the opportunities of a statewide approach?
- What are the top two or three actions OHCS can take to support CoC efforts to reduce homelessness?

Jack Schwab asked if a statewide system might allocate money away from bigger counties to counties that have been underserved. Marilyn reassured the group that the less populous counties in Oregon have been quite competitive in the past, and have held their own on a federal level. She stressed that the statewide system would have the goal of bringing more money into the state, rather than reallocating existing funding streams. Annette Evans suggested that since some programs have had a hard time meeting match and other funding requirements, it would be helpful to study the barriers in place to determine how best to mitigate restrictive requirements.

## II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve the October 5, 2016, HSSN meeting minutes.

Action: Katherine Galian

Second: Jaycanna McVey

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

## III. GENERAL BUSINESS

### Office of Community Development (OCD) Public Services “Revisioning” Process

Jennie Proctor provided an overview of a new public services revisioning process for CDBG funding. OCD administers the CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants. The CDBG and HOME funds are awarded annually through a competitive application process. One of CDBG’s categories is public facilities, which provides funding for shelters, community centers, senior centers, parks, and group homes. The infrastructure category is typically for cities to provide street improvements such as sidewalks, water lines, etc. The public services category is open to non-profits that provide social service programs, and is limited by statute to no more than 15% of the grant. This is the category which receives the most applications and has the least money available.

An applicant’s project must align with one of the objectives in OCD’s Consolidated Plan (five-year Strategic Plan), which were derived from intensive research into the needs of the community. After the staff reviews the applications, they are provided to the Policy Advisory Board. The public services category usually has about \$380,000 to allocate, which can fund 6 or 8 projects. This leaves about 12 to 14 applicants unfunded.

Jennie shared three drivers that are necessitating this revisioning process. The first driver came out of the Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) Workgroup (during the Consolidated Planning process), which recommended aligning public services with anti-poverty efforts. The Con Plan’s Anti-poverty Strategy identified affordable housing, employment, education, and health as priority areas.

The second driver is the benefit of aligning with other “like” initiatives through Washington County Thrives, the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, and the Housing Authority of Washington County.

The third driver is adapting to changes in the CDBG consortium that will occur when Hillsboro becomes its own CDBG entitlement. The city has been working to analyze its best options. OCD will work to adapt to changes in the CDBG consortium as a result of this change so as to minimize impact and maximize opportunities for alignment where possible.

OCD needs to be ready for the next funding cycle by August 2017, so will be having public outreach meetings over the next 6 to 8 months, and working with the Anti-Poverty Workgroup. All are encouraged to attend and participate. Notices of meetings and opportunity to participate will be sent through the HSSN listserv.

### **FY2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)**

Veronica Clevidence provided a handout showing some of the highlights of the draft 2016 AHAR. While 21 more people were served than in the 2015 AHAR, most program types had numbers similar to last year. The exceptions, however, are large increases in transitional housing (TH) for families and in permanent supportive housing (PSH) for individuals, and a sharp decrease in PSH for families. The increase in PSH for individuals is likely due to the addition of nine beds of this type. The number of veterans served increased from 219 to 249, and the majority was served in transitional housing. One apparent change is that twice as many people as last year were served in emergency shelter. This is not true; it's the result of how the bed calculations had to be done this year.

Most trends have stayed consistent, with small variations. With HSSN approval, the final submission will be submitted to HUD by the December 1, 2016 deadline.

### **Approval of Draft FY2016 AHAR**

Motion: Approve the draft FY2016 AHAR for submittal to HUD.

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Katherine Galian

Vote: Approved, unanimous.

### **Election for Mainstream Resource Provider representation on HSSN Workgroup**

No nominations have been received, and outreach will occur to solicit interest from government agencies providing benefits such as food stamps, temporary assistance for needy families, social security, etc. The election will be carried forward to the December meeting.

### **Severe Weather Shelter Activation Schedule (SWS)**

Jaycanna McVey will be updating the schedule every Monday, and it will be sent to the listserv as well as being available online at [www.co.washington.or.us/homeless](http://www.co.washington.or.us/homeless). The Rolling Hills SWS in Tualatin will start serving the homeless tonight, followed by St. Anthony in Tigard and St. Francis in Sherwood. The other shelters will be opening per the schedule, and those who would like to volunteer or donate are encouraged to contact the shelters.

A regional CoC meeting was held where Sheltering was discussed in an effort to coordinate the opening of shelters in such a way as to prevent people from leaving their local resources in the hopes of finding shelter in other locations. While it's too late this year, the hope is that next year jurisdictions can coordinate these efforts.

## **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Cheri Portman announced Job Corps is a residential job training program available to those aged 16 to 24, and she offered pull-tab flyers with contact information for agencies to post.

- Yvette Potter announced Washington County Department of Aging and Veterans has two events coming up in support of Veteran's Day, and provided informational flyers.
- Elyse Brouhard announced Luke-Dorf hired Christina Graslie as the new Outreach Coordinator.
- Mellani Calvin announced ASSIST Program was able to help someone referred from Valerie Burton, PATH Outreach, to obtain Social Security.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m. The next meeting is December 7, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

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