



HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK

Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Beaverton City Hall - 1st Floor Conference Room
4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97075

AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS: 8:30 a.m.**
- II. GUEST SPEAKER: 8:35 a.m.**
 - Ms. Kiera Hansen, Cascade AIDS Project
- CHATpdx (Youth HIV Education Program)
 - Ms. Cristin Corcoran, Cities Readiness Initiative
- Regional Push Partner Program (Emergency Preparedness)
 - Ms. Cynthia Valdivia, Washington County Health and Human Services
- Preparing Together (Emergency Preparedness)
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:35 a.m. Action Item**
- IV. GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.**
 - HSSN Governance – Open nominations for HSSN Co-Chair position (Election on June 5)
<http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/hssn.cfm>
 - 2013 Point-In-Time Homeless Count – Final Data Released
 - CoC Gaps and Needs Assessment
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:50 a.m.**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 a.m.**

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Guest Speaker(s):

Alicia Bartz, CODA Inc. - Stepping Stones and CODA Programs
Patty Cooper, Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare - Foster Care System
Jessica Junke, Neighborhood Partnerships – Oregon IDA Initiative

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HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton City Hall
April 3, 2013, 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:

Adams, Jessi-Community Action	Peltz, Leslie-CODA, Inc
Browning, Rose-Good Neighbor Center	Perkowski, Kaja-Open Door Counseling Center
Bundy, Valerie-Domestic Violence Resource Center	Poletski, Jessica-Community Action
Burton, Valerie-Luke-Dorf, Inc	Proctor, Jennie-Community Development, Wash. Co.
Chavez-Hernandez, Saul- Community Action	Rafal, Candy- Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Connor, Anne- VA HUD VASH	Reed, Rochelle- Boys and Girls Aid
Daniel, Bridget-HomePlate	Reiner, Kathryn-Project Bloom
Davila, Lisa-Luke-Dorf, Inc	Roberts, David- Luke-Dorf, Inc.
Demry, James-Homeless To Work/Bridges to Change	Schwab, Jack- Good Neighbor Center
Eichorst, Kathy-Dept. of Housing Services, Wash.Co.	Sechrist, Lauren-Community Development, Wash. Co.
Evans, Annette- Dept. of Housing Services, Wash.Co.	Sherwood, Rose-Wash.Co. Health
Ferry, Nancy-Bridges to Change	Skryha, Vicki-U. S. Dept. of HUD
Finnegan, Molly-U.S. Veterans Affairs	Spencer, Laura-Project Bloom
Fletcher, Melanie-Dept. of Housing Services, Wash. Co.	Stoller, Rick- The Salvation Army-Harbor Light
Fowler, Alisa- Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Stoullil,Vera-Boys and Girls Aid
Fuller, Will-Elders in Action	Sturtz, Ben- Community Development, Wash. Co.
Heart, Annie-Family Bridge/Interfaith Hospitality Network	Teifel, Gordon- Families for Independent Living & DEAR
Hennessey,Jaidra-Housing Independence	Tong, Melanie-Dept. of Health & Human Srvs, Wash. Co.
Knapp, Mona- Luke-Dorf, Inc.	Tovar, Laura-Oregon Food Bank
Kruse, Alexis- Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.	Turk, Nicki-Cascade AIDS Project
Lauzon, Matt-Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.	Watson, Rob- St. Francis Catholic Church SWS
Lovelin, Robert-Sequoia Mental Health Services, Inc.	Werner, Judy-Lutheran Community Services NW
Nelson, Andrea-City of Beaverton	Whitney, Bill-LifeWorks NW

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

Sequoia Mental Health/Child and Family Program

Alexis Kruse and Matt Lauzon akruse@sequoiamhs.org; mlauzon@sequoiamhs.org

Sequoia Mental Health Child and Family Program is a private, non-profit outpatient mental health program that serves children, adolescents, and their families in Washington County. The Child and Family Program has been open for about 6 months. Our outpatient services are designed for children and adolescents that need ongoing support and therapy to manage their conditions and successfully function in everyday social settings.

The program currently consists of a therapist/supervisor and part-time child psychiatrist with additional staff as the program grows. We are currently looking to add a staff person. Sequoia can work with people who have a dual diagnosis (mental health and drug or alcohol), provided they have a primary mental health diagnosis.

The program serves ages 6 - 20 with most middle to high school age. There are three levels of

care. Level 1 is very limited. Level 2 is typically once a week outpatient therapy session and psychiatrist twice a month. Level 3 involves more therapy sessions and more psychiatrist visits. If children need to continue on with services, they can make a seamless transition into adult care.

Many referrals come from Washington County Mental Health. Other referrals come from school districts, coordinators at school level, community hospitals, care coordinators, self-referrals, and parents.

Contact Matt at 503-619-1559 if you have questions or Andy Davis at 503-619-1559 for a referral.

Annette Evans asked about data access since mental health has become a rising concern, not just among homeless.

Alexis responded that data collection is a work in progress.

Elders in Action

Will Fuller

<http://eldersinaction.org/>

Elders in Action is comprised of over 150 volunteers and eight staff members, who work to solve problems, tackle important issues, and help businesses and communities better serve the older customer. We believe the quality of life should never depend on age and welcome the talent and wisdom that older adults share to make communities in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties more livable for all. Our Mission Statement is to assure a vibrant community through the active involvement of older adults.

We can help you by supplementing your work. For example, you may have someone having a problem with Social Security, and we can help.

We also have a commission which lobbies on behalf of older people and those with disabilities. We talk to mayors, city councils, and politicians to make a difference in the lives of our clients and ourselves. The Commission advises Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services, Multnomah County, and the City of Portland on the concerns and needs of older adults.

In addition to being advocates Elders in Action provides speakers for organizations and certifies businesses as Age Friendly.

Gordon Teifel asked about their funding source.

Will responded that the government is their primary funding source. The organization also receives some funds from City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, and grants from various private sources.

Judy Werner added that individuals also give money.

Laura Tovar asked about how people are referred to the organization.

Will responded that people are referred by agencies, but can refer themselves. There is no charge to individuals for our services. We charge businesses for advertising as Age Friendly.

Lauren Sechrist asked if someone needs help with problems like minor repairs or home health can Elders in Action help?

Will responded that they can help. Elders in Action meets with the client to determine scope of work and reassure the client that the problem will be taken care of. Then they find someone to do the work. One of the things the organization provides is a list of organizations that offer help.

Lisa Davila asked if the organization concentrates on the immediate problem or provide long-term solutions?

Will responded that they concentrate on the immediate problem. We are very careful as an organization to protect that boundary between being a social worker and assisting the client with problems. We will refer to social workers for long term issues.

Washington County Department of Human Services/Public Health and Wellness

Rose Sherwood rose_sherwood@co.washington.or.us

Washington County Department of Human Services is launching a Worksite Wellness Program. An Americorps/VISTA member from the Oregon Health Authority's Healthy People Program is joining the group this year.

Public Health and Wellness is working to create a culture of wellness in the worksite. Strategizing within your organization does not just benefit your employees, but also your clients. The program ranges from promoting a stairwell campaign to establishing policies to offer healthy snacks at meetings. If you're not ready to launch a policy, but want to talk about your options contact Rose. She will connect you with the VISTA member. Rose commented that this is one way to try to keep healthcare costs low.

Annette commented that she thought this is a good opportunity for agencies. This is a no cost program, and implementing the program could reduce illness.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Approve meeting minutes for March 3, 2013

Action: Gordon Teifel

Second: Judy Werner

Vote: Approved - Unanimous

IV. Reports & Program Updates

Children: *Alice Beggs* abeggs@fgsd.k12.or.us

No report

Youth: *Bridget Daniel* bridget@homeplateyouth.org

The group worked on collaboration; how to best serve the youth in Washington County together with the new mental health agency, Youth Move Oregon. Next meeting is April 12 10:30 am.

Homelessness: *Jack Schwab* jschwab@goodneighborcenter.org

The group continues to work on three shelters, improving the network, and eliminating duplication of forms. Also an issue that we're discussing is eliminating the need for a family to move between shelters needlessly. They should be able to stay at one shelter if they're making adequate progress towards housing. This would provide less interruption in services and consistency. We are also working with Washington County Health. Is there a need to require Tuberculosis testing prior to shelter entrance?

Permanent Housing: *Andrea Nelson* anelson@beavertonoregon.gov

We are working on outreach messaging. There is not a unified voice and attempting to be more strategic in our messaging. Next meeting will be April 4 in the morning Beaverton City Hall First Floor Conference Room.

Income Support/Workforce Development *Katherine Galian* kgalian@caowash.org

Annette reported that the group met last month and discussed WorkSource Center. People usually have more basic needs than just finding employment. We need to find a way to connect

them to those services more effectively. How do we make it a more transparent process, connecting them to food, affordable housing, etc.? Next meeting is May 2.

DD Dialogue: *Gordon Teifel mainlight@me.com*

April 11 DD Dialogue is hosting a resource fair for transition families who have a student ages 18 - 21 still in high school. The fair is from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Edwards Center in Aloha. The first 2 hours are especially for high school transition classrooms. 1:00 to 7:00 is for community-wide families to sample input on Social Security benefits, jobs, and housing models.

Mental Health/Special Needs Community Consortium: *Lisa Davila ldavila@luke-dorf.org*
Lisa Davila reported on the Housing TEAM Program implementation to include 2 more units available for the program, continued work with people on the street and foresee a couple of really good months coming up.

Annette reported the Consortium received a presentation from Rich Roell, LifeWorks NW, on the Washington County Mental Health Crisis Team program. Next month Reed Ritchey with Community Corrections will provide an update on the Governor's Commission on Public Safety.

Veterans: *Anne Connor anne.connor@va.gov*

Anne reported that there are a several bills at state level affecting veterans. The group is planning a Memorial Day ceremony at Washington County Fair Grounds May 27 focusing on World War II veterans. VA has a new outreach worker for Washington County, Molly Finnegan.

Seniors: *Julie Webber Julie_webber@co.washington.or.us*

No report

Strategic Planning & Discharge/CoC Board: *Judy Werner jwerner@lcsnw.org*

Next meeting April 12 8:30 a.m.

HMIS: *Melanie Fletcher melanie_fletcher@co.washington.or.us*

New draft HMIS data standards have been published by HUD and are out for public comment. Please read and comment if you wish. Point-in-Time count data review is mostly complete. Awaiting the final versions of the reports before data can be finalized and released.

Annette requested that everyone review the definition of chronic homelessness in the rural housing stability proposed rules, specifically the definition of a homelessness episode as 15 days minimum.

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC): *Annette Evans*

Annette_evans@co.washington.or.us

The next meeting is April 18. Dr. Donald Schweitzer will be presenting his "Running on Empty: ..." report. HPAC will be taking action steps to move forward on recommendations from that report. An update on the Point-in-Time count and housing inventory chart are also on the agenda.

V. General Business

2013 PIT Count and Housing Inventory Chart

Annette Evans reported that this is due to HUD by April 30. Annette will take the data from HMIS and match it with the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) for submittal to HUD. As the Board for CoC the HSSN Workgroup will review the report Friday, April 12. If they approve, it will be submitted to HUD. A copy will be available on the website.

Annette Evans reported that we have shelter, transitional, permanent supportive housing, safe

haven, and rapid rehousing beds which are HUD and non-HUD funded beds. We have to identify the number of "beds", and then compare it against the point in time count. This will give us the occupancy level of the programs. High occupancy is good. Low occupancy can be a problem. We need to put those public dollars into programs that are providing housing outcomes.

The numbers are not ready for release, but homelessness has trended downwards; about 200 less than last year. About 50-60 were taken out because they have moved to rapid rehousing.

We have around 300 literally unsheltered people. We continue to have high numbers of homeless in the doubled-up category. This is not considered homeless by HUD standards, but it is for state purposes. We will report two numbers – 1) literally homeless, and 2) those who are turned away, but housed because they are doubled-up. We are going to be working towards the Federal true number of who is literally homeless and try to determine what the doubled-up number means for our community.

FY 2012 McKinney-Vento Award Tier 1 / Tier 2 pending

Annette Evans recognized Vicki Skryha who is our HUD CPD for all her help. Contracts will be out soon.

Vicki reported that it is complicated to get everything done when you have new laws. We are getting training on the system next week. As soon as we have contracts, we will process them in the order of earliest start date first.

Annette commented that we will get Tier 2 funding if there are dollars left when all Tier 1s has been distributed, and if we rate high enough on our application.

Vicki reported that Tier 2 announcements are expected by the end of May.

Severe Weather Shelters

Annette recognized St. Francis in Sherwood (Rob Watson). This was their first year. Boys and Girls Aid just closed for walk-ins due to severe weather.

Rob Watson reported that their first season is wrapped up. They averaged 8 people a night while being open one night a week. They partnered with YMCA who provided showers. YMCA opened after hours for the shelter so people could use their showers. We had a great first year. Hope to get rolling next year.

Valerie Burton reported that St. Francis went above and beyond. They provided transportation to the shelter, showers, and laundry. For a first year shelter, that was phenomenal.

Vera Stoullil reported that Safe Place Shelter saw an increase over previous years. Safe Place has really focused on getting out information and resources. The shelter provides that first contact.

Annette announced that the faith-based shelters provided over 13,000 volunteer hours while providing 5,000 bed nights!

VI. Announcements

- Lauren Sechrist announced that 2013 Action Plan public hearing will be held immediately after this meeting. Also a screening of Brick by Brick, documentary about fair housing, will be held April 22 at 6 p.m. Please post in your office.
- Will Fuller would love to be doing more in Washington County.

- Vera Stoullil thanked Andrea Nelson for all the work she has done on the housing project that provided a new facility for their Transitional Living Program (TLP). It would not have happened without Andrea. She put a tremendous amount of work and energy into it. We are very appreciative.
- Lisa Davila said this is Spring, and we have such a positive team. When I think of Spring I think of new beginnings.
- Andrea Nelson put in a last plug for TLP. This is the last day for Pizza for a Purpose at Garlic Jim's. If you want pizza today, give them a call. Let them know it's for Boys and Girls Aid, and they'll donate 15% of the proceeds.
- Alisa Fowler also wanted to thank Rob from St. Francis.
- There was a question about the impact of sequestration. Home Forward is thinking about not doing deposits any longer.
Melanie responded that Washington County Housing Services doesn't do that, so not a problem. Just tightening our belts where we can so we don't have to take any extreme measures.
- Bridget Daniel announced HomePlate is starting a Doggy Day Care at the Beaverton Farmer's Market. Two HomePlate youth will be employed.
- Mona Knapp reported Luke-Dorf launched the HEAL initiative (Healthy Eating Active Lifestyle). They initiated a diabetic prevention diet in their facilities and have a culture of activity. One thing they did was implement farmer's market outings for all of their facilities. They teamed up with the markets to get residents out to buy their own fresh and healthy food. PSU is helping track outcomes.
- Ben Sturtz commented about the 2013 Action Plan public hearing. In addition to the hearing today there is another one next Thursday in Hillsboro, and written comments are being taken.
- Boys and Girls Aid TLP has one opening for a female 19 - 23. They will also a spot for single mom opening in June.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m. The next HSSN meeting is Wednesday, May 1 at 8:30 a.m.

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