WASHINGTON COUNTY
OREGON

HOUSING and SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK
Providing a Continuum of Care for Vulnerable Populations in Washington County

Wednesday, June 5, 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. Alicia Bartz, CODA Inc.
     - Stepping Stones and CODA Programs
   - Ms. Jessica Junke, Neighborhood Partnerships
     - Oregon IDA Initiative
   - Ms. Patty Cooper, Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare
     - Oregon Foster Care Program and Discharge System

III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: 9:35 a.m.** .... Action

IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS: 9:40 a.m.**
   - Nominations and election of HSSN Co-Chair position (CoC Governance) .... Action
     http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/hssn.cfm
   - Adopt CoC Governance Policy in compliance with HEARTH Act .... Action
     CoC Program regulation 24 CFR 578.1
   - Adopt Year 6 Work Plan of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness .... Action
   - Timeline for Year 5 Homeless Assessment Report, A Summary of Outcomes and
     Challenges – HMIS data pull scheduled for July 15, 2013

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

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

July 3, 2013 – No meeting, enjoy a wonderful 4th of July holiday!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICE NETWORK
Maintaining a Continuum of Care in Washington County
Beaverton City Hall
May 1, 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:

Brillman, Linn-Community Partners for Afford. Housing
Browning, Rose-Good Neighbor Center
Bundy, Valerie-Domestic Violence Resource Center
Carey, Alisha-DHS SSP
Carpentier, Kristen-Family Bridge Shelter
Corcoran, Cristin-Regional Push Partner Program
Daniel, Bridget-HomePlate
Dardis, Michele-Edwards Center, Inc.
Davila, Lisa-Luke-Dorf, Inc
Demry, James-Homeless To Work/Bridges to Change
Eichorst, Kathy- Dept. of Housing Services, Wash.Co.
Evans, Annette-Dept. of Housing Services, Wash.Co.
Ferry, Nancy-Bridges to Change
Finnegan, Molly-U.S. Veterans Affairs
Fletcher, Melanie-Dept. of Housing Services, Wash. Co.
Gibson, Erin-HomePlate
Hansen, Kiera-Cascade AIDS Project
Harnish, Rebecca-Love Inc.Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood
Hennessey, Jaidra-Housing Independence
Jamison, Jeanne-Love Inc. Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood
Knapp, Mona–Luke-Dorf, Inc.

Kruse, Alexis-Sequoia Mental Health Services
Lauzon, Matt-Sequoia Mental Health Services
Loverin, Robert-Sequoia Mental Health Services
Morrissett- V.A.-HUD VASH
Orr, Patrick-HomePlate
Rafal, Candy-Luke-Dorf,Inc.
Reed, Rochelle-Boys and Girls Aid
Reiner, Kathryn-Project Bloom
Roberts, Dave-Luke-Dorf, Inc
Sechrist, Lauren-Community Development, Wash. Co.
Skryha, Vicki-U.S. Department of HUD
Spencer, Laura-Project Bloom
Stoller, Rick-The Salvation Army
Stoulil, Vera-Boys and Girls Aid
Teifel, Gordon-Families for Independent Living/DEAR
Toevs, Jeremy-Open Door Counseling Center
Tong, Melanie-Wa. Co. Health & Human Services
Turk, Nicki-Cascade AIDS Project
Valdivia, Cynthia-Washington County HHS
Werner, Judy-Lutheran Community Services NW
Jesse-Iron Tribe

Chair: Annette Evans, Washington County Department of Housing Services
Co-Chair: Judy Werner, Lutheran Community Services NW

I. INTRODUCTIONS
Meeting commenced 8:30 a.m.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS
CHATpdx (Youth HIV Education Program)
Kiera Hansen, Cascade AIDS Project
CHATpdx@gmail.com or 971-270-0674

Cascade AIDS Project (CAP) works with people living with or impacted by HIV/AIDS. CHAT (Curbing HIV/AIDS Transmission) is funded through a Department of Health and Human Service – Office of Minority Health (OMH) grant. Young people ages 15 - 19 are the fastest growing group affected by HIV/AIDS. Peer education and increased testing opportunities are the main focus of the program. Another focus is sex education (Peer Sexuality Education). This is a 5 month (20 week) education program with weekly peer education meetings.

Youth HIV testing night is an easy way to access CAP. The youth can hang out and don't have to get tested. Tests are offered at 4 local sites in Beaverton and Clackamas

Mondays 5:30 – 7:30 at 12550 S W 2nd St., Beaverton
Tuesdays 3:30 – 6:30 at 1425 Beavercreek Rd., Oregon City
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 5:30 – 7:30 at 9775 S E Sunnyside Rd., #200, Clackamas
2nd & 4th Thursdays 2:00 – 4:30 at 8800 S. W. 80th Ave., Clackamas

Community workshops are also available. The most popular is HIV 101/HIV Basics.

Linn asked if they have many people who come for the social component? Kiera responded that the social component is important to get the youth to come and consider being tested.

It was asked if CHAT works with health care providers? CHAT works with non-profits while other CAP divisions work with health care providers.

Mona Knapp asked how many in this age group test positive? Kiera stated that according to CDC of the people tested 1 in 4 under the age 24 are positive.

Regional Push Partner Program (Emergency Preparedness)
Cristin Corcoran, Cities Readiness Initiative
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This program is funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The program is to help counties work with public health and emergency management to determine plans for a worst-case bioterrorism scenario. This region covers 7 counties (Clackamas, Clark, Columbia, Multnomah, Skamania, Washington, and Yamhill) which is helpful for organizations that cross county boundaries. The mission is to dispense life saving medications to 2.2 million people in the 7 county region within 48 hours. In a worst-case public health disaster where we need to send out life saving medication very quickly, we would either set up Points of Dispensing (PODS) for the public or activate the Push Partner Registry. Organizations who register to be a Push Partner receive medication to distribute to their staff, the staffs' families, and clients.

If your organization decides to enroll as a Push Partner, your mission will be to decrease the number of people who get ill by dispensing medication. Your job is not to treat people who are already sick. If activated, you receive all the information you need. You only need one medically licensed staff to oversee the dispensing. There is an effort to do a work-around for the medically licensed staff requirement. As a Push Partner, you are not dispensing any sooner than the PODS. Push partners are not announced on the news, and the general public will be directed to the PODS. You would pick up from a secured warehouse.

Gordon Teifel asked what level of medical licensing is needed. Cristin responded that we can work with each organization individually. If it's someone you would trust to make medical decisions for your organization, we can work with that.

What if the illness cannot be treated by medication or the medication doesn't work? Cristin replied if no medication is available, you would still be connected to information resources. Even if you don't intend on enrolling and distributing medication, come into the program so we can communicate with you.

Linn Brillman asked about security. In an event like anthrax, there could be public panic.

Cristin responded that there would be police protection.

<u>Preparing Together (Emergency Preparedness)</u>
Cynthia Valdivia, Washington County Health and Human Services
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We have an Emergency Preparedness meeting kit available at Washington County Libraries. The presentation is about every day preparedness. The kit comes with all of the handouts recommended including the forms and a CD. Preparing for any emergency is the same - stay informed and have food and water. In Washington County 1360 AM KUIK is the official radio alert station.

This can be really overwhelming which is why we are advocating preparing together. We suggest you have an out of state contact, be able to text, and use social media. You should make sure that schools, daycare, and other groups you are involved with have a disaster response plan. It is important to plan for an evacuation route, what to do if you can't go home, and know an alternate route. Planning those things ahead of time is important. Also you should have a home evacuation plan.

American Red Cross has a Safety Tube which has the basics such as blanket, whistle, and water pouch. We recommend that you have and practice a plan, stay informed (www.publicalerts.org, radio), and make a kit. You should start by having a couple of gallons of water on hand, a list of your medications, phone charger, keep cash in small bills, and supplies for pets. The Sheriff's office has a presentation Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) to help prepare for emergencies. You can get involved in other ways such as Medical Reserve Corps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Red Cross.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

<u>Motion:</u> Approve meeting minutes for April 3, 2013
<u>Action:</u> Gordon Teifel
<u>Second</u>: Vera Stoulil
<u>Vote:</u>   Approved unanimous

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

<u>HSSN Governance</u>
Annette Evans gave a synopsis of HSSN governance and election of Chair/Co-Chair. She recognized Judy Werner for her work over the past year. Judy's term as Co-Chair expires June 30, 2013. Election/re-election for Co-Chair will be held at the HSSN meeting, June 5. Annette opened nominations for Co-Chair position.
Melanie Fletcher nominated Judy Werner. Judy accepted the nomination.
There were no other nominations at this time. Email Annette any additional nominations.

<u>2013 Point-in-time (PIT) Count</u>
Annette Evans complimented the organizations that worked tirelessly to do the census of homeless individuals including Community Action, Luke-Dorf, HomePlate, and U. S. Veterans Affairs.

For 2013, 38% or 432 individuals met the Federal homeless definition, with 1,153 people meeting the State definition which includes people who are in shared housing. From 2008 to last year evictions are down by over 1,000 cases per year. Our 10 year plan puts an emphasis on housing first and addressing chronic homelessness. Runaway and homeless

youth numbers have increased perhaps due to greater outreach.

Also using the State definition, there were 72 people who reported being involved in foster care compared to 30 last year. As we go through the discussion points, we recognize that there are other systems affecting our homeless system. Using the State definition 118 people were incarcerated or in Community Corrections transitional beds. We cannot count them in the Federal definition.

Since 2008 permanent supportive housing has increased by 150+ beds. Transitional housing beds have been reprogrammed into rapid rehousing. Short term rental assistance allows the client to have the lease in their name and house in place at the end of their program. Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) rapid rehousing and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds are part of the new rapid rehousing. Sequestration is an unknown but hoping we can retain and sustain the system we have. Yesterday, Val Valfre received notice that we were awarded 35 new HUD VASH vouchers for this year to support homeless veterans.

<u>CoC Gaps and Needs Analysis</u>
Annette Evans provide handout of data submitted to HUD. Safe Place Youth Shelter report 6 people ages 18 – 19, and Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) have 4 shelter beds for singles.

There were 232 unsheltered and 200 sheltered people meeting the literally homeless definition. Chronically homeless numbers have come down since last year with 77 people reported. We had a higher number of chronic homeless persons who were doubled up in alternate housing. There were 91 veterans included in the count.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Next month's agenda will include Alicia Bartz with CODA, Patty Cooper with DHS, and Jessica Junke with Neighborhood Partnerships.
- There will not be a HSSN meeting July 3.
- Valerie Bundy introduced DVRC's new Executive Director, Sara Wade.
- Matt Lauzon announced that Sequoia has hired a new female therapist and are accepting referrals for ages 6-20 for their Child and Family Program. Contact Matt for more details (mlauzon@sequoiamhs.org).
- Bridget Daniel introduced Patrick Orr as HomePlate's new outreach worker. HomePlate will be holding a Charity Kickball event, Home Runs for Homeless Youth, July 1 at PCC Rock Creek.
- Jesse from Iron Tribe announced that they have opened a new family house in Forest Grove which is accepting men and women with children.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The next HSSN meeting is Wednesday, June 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by
Kathy Eichorst, Washington County Department of Housing Services

To be added to the HSSN email list, contact Annette Evans at
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Policy No.:	XXXX	Approved By:	HSSN (the CoC)
Effective Date:	April 24, 2003	Revision Date:	June 5, 2013
Prepared By:	Washington County Department of Housing Services		
	503-846-4760 http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/		

Policy Authority: This policy is adopted under the authority of the local Continuum of Care (CoC) in Washington County, commonly referred to as the Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN).

Purpose: Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.

Standard: A structure will be established to govern the HSSN (the CoC) and its responsibilities, the HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board), the CoC Program and preparing the CoC Collaborative grant application, and coordination of the CoC Program in consultation with the Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) program resources.

Scope: Homeless Provider Agencies and Community Stakeholders.

Authority For Code: Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act CoC Program regulatory statutes 24 CFR Part 578.1, 578.5, 578.7, 578.9, and 578.95(b).

Responsibilities:

1. **HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES NETWORK (HSSN) – THE COC**
   The mission of the HSSN is to provide a coordinated and comprehensive community planning process to implement a Continuum of Care (CoC) for individuals and families who are at risk or experiencing homelessness and to prevent a return to homelessness. Authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 113481-11389). *[CoC Program 24 CFR 578.1]*

   Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Beaverton City Hall. Agenda's are posted on public boards, the county website, and distributed via the HSSN email listserv.

   Why are we here?
   - To promote communitywide commitment to the goal of preventing and ending homelessness through the development of strategic planning that integrates housing and service systems.
   - To implement a collaborative and coordinated system to assist homeless persons and persons with special needs obtain housing, supportive services and mainstream programs necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.
   - To secure funding to quickly, efficiently and effectively re-house people experiencing homelessness to optimize self-sufficiency.

- The services we provide are important!

How do we do this?
- Define the special needs of the current at-risk and homeless population.
- Develop a network of organizations that meet regularly to provide a framework that is both dynamic and responsive to changing housing and service needs over time.
- Implement strategic and outcomes-based homeless prevention and housing plans. The CoC's roadmap of strategies and programs is identified in *A Road Home: 10-Year Plan To End Homelessness in Washington County* (2008 to 2018).
  http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/a-road-home.cfm
- Create and sustain sufficient capacity throughout the CoC system to facilitate movement of homeless persons to permanent housing and independent living.
- Prioritizing resources for people with the greatest need, in accordance with "Defining Homeless" in 24 CFR Parts 91, 482, and 583, and demonstrate results in reducing the length of homelessness and recidivism.

2. CoC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE
HSSN (the CoC)
The HSSN is comprised of community stakeholders representing cross-sector public and private housing and provider organizations, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, advocates, business, school district homeless liaisons, mental health and substance addition providers, law enforcement, US Veterans Affairs outreach and case workers, hospital/health clinic, Pacific University, private citizens, homeless/formerly homeless consumers, and the CoC's HMIS Administrator.

The HSSN is a coordinated, inclusive and outcome-oriented community planning process developed to address the components of a CoC system, and designed to serve all homeless subpopulations in the community. The meeting is open to the public and marketed through media, speaker forums, public billboards, the County's website on homelessness, and the HSSN email listserv. *[CoC Program 24 CFR 578.5]*

The HSSN is facilitated by an elected Chair and Co-Chair positions. The HSSN membership has authority to make the following decisions on behalf of the CoC:
- Elect the Chair and Co-Chair of the HSSN, and Chair of HSSN Subcommittees.
- Adopt the annual CoC Planning Calendar.
- Adopt the annual Work Plan for implementing *A Road Home: 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Washington County.*
- Approve Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funding formula (by percentage) for shelter, rent assistance, and food/meals.
- Approve submittal of the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to HUD.

HSSN Chair (Facilitator)
The Chair facilitates the HSSN (the CoC) process to include coordination with the HSSN Workgroup, perform selection of guest speakers, coordination and prepare monthly HSSN Agenda, arrange meeting room and catering, preside over the HSSN meeting,

prepare and publish minutes, and provide leadership in strategic planning and policy development. The Chair and Co-Chair will preside over HSSN Workgroup meetings, with one representative from the public agency sector and the other position representing the non-profit sector.
  ➢ Elected by consensus vote at the June HSSN Meeting.
  ➢ 2-Year Term (July 1- June 30), elected in even number years; e.g. 2014, 2016.

HSSN Co-Chair (Co-Facilitator)
In the absence of the Chair, the Co-Chair will assume the duties of the Chair for the HSSN. The Co-Chair will be required to attend HSSN Workgroup meetings and provide Workgroup report updates at HSSN meetings.
  ➢ Elected by consensus vote at the June HSSN Meeting.
  ➢ 2-Year Term (July 1- June 30), elected in odd number years; e.g. 2015, 2017.

HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board)
The Workgroup is representative of the relevant organizations and projects serving homeless subpopulations. Membership is comprised of an uneven number of representatives to include the CoC Collaborative Lead, HMIS Lead, Subcommittee chairpersons, public and nonprofit homeless assistance providers, victim service providers, faith-based, school homeless student liaisons, the Housing Authority, community corrections, and homeless/formerly homeless who meet bi-monthly to perform CoC strategic planning, systems and capacity development, review HMIS data quality, HUD-funded project and system performance outcomes, and system discharge analysis.

The HSSN Chair and Co-Chair are the governance leadership of the Workgroup elected to two-year terms, with recommendations of the Workgroup presented at regular meetings of the HSSN for discussion and approval. The Workgroup reports to the HSSN (the CoC) and complies with the Code of Conduct and Recusal Process.

The Workgroup has authority to make the following decisions on behalf of the CoC, and outside of a regular HSSN meeting:
- Authorize submittal of the annual Point In Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) to HUD. At the next regular scheduled HSSN meeting a report is provided.
- Determine project ranking and rating for the CoC Program Homeless Assistance grant application. Authority to determine ranking is based on HSSN scoring results for new projects, and HUD APR performance outcomes for renewal projects.
- Authorize submittal of CoC Program Homeless Assistance grant application to HUD.
- Authorize guest speakers for the HSSN meeting agenda. The focus of guest speakers is to broaden knowledge of HSSN providers in resources, programs, policy, and other activities to include disaster/emergency preparedness.

HSSN Subcommittees
The Subcommittee Chair is elected by the HSSN (the CoC) during a regular scheduled HSSN meeting. Chair of the Subcommittee do not have term limits, and serve until resignation or a request to elect a new Subcommittee chair has been presented and voted upon at a regular schedule HSSN meeting.

The subcommittees work collaboratively to end homelessness through strategic planning, promote access to mainstream programs, optimize self-sufficiency, propose projects, and make recommendation to address gaps or propose events for consideration by the entire HSSN. Joint Subcommittees may be formed or new Subcommittees added to assist the HSSN in meeting their mission and goals. The Subcommittee's report to the HSSN membership (the CoC). Subcommittees include:

- Children (Homeless Education Network)
- Youth
- Homelessness
- Permanent Housing
- Veterans
- Development Disability Dialogue
- Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium
- Seniors
- Workforce Development Workgroup

3. MEMBERSHIP ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The HSSN is an open and inclusive network of community stakeholders the work in cooperation and coordination to plan and implement the housing and services necessary to end homelessness. Duties of the membership include:

- The full membership participate regularly in monthly HSSN planning meetings, and provide support to program and system development work of the HSSN Workgroup (the CoC Board) and HSSN Subcommittees focused on addressing specific subpopulation and/or capacity building.
- Continuum-wide provider participation, homeless/formerly homeless representation, and citizen participation in the HSSN, the Workgroup and Subcommittees.
- Participate in evaluating program outcomes and prioritizing of public funds for programs.
- Participate in data collection initiatives, to include the Point-in-Time (PIT) homeless count.
- All CoC Program and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) programs will participate in data collection through use of the local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Non-federal funded projects are encouraged to submit data in HMIS, or submit data for use in reporting outcomes to federal, state and the local 10-Year Plan.
- Consult with State and local government ESG program recipients within the CoC geographic area on the plan for allocating ESG program funds and reporting on and evaluating the performance of ESG projects.
- Perform an annual gaps analysis and propose projects for funding to address the needs of the homeless population and subpopulations in Washington County.
- Provide housing and services in alignment with the Centralized Assessment System.
- Participate in the Consolidated Plan and Fair Housing Plan process.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT AND RECUSAL PROCESS

The implementation of a Code of Conduct for the HSSN, inclusive of the Chair, Co-Chair, Workgroup, and associated Subcommittees, is an essential element that supports the inclusive, collaborative, and objective goals of the HSSN. *[CoC Program 24 CFR 578.95]*

1. Meetings will be open to the public.
2. Members will provide information that is truthful and accurate.
3. Members will be respectful to others at all times.
4. Decision making process will:
   a. Be made by consensus at scheduled meetings.
   b. For non-funding decisions, all members present will have an option to participate in the voting, e.g. – selection of chair, co-chair, or other general membership decisions.
   c. For decisions involving funding, one vote per member organization (required attendance of at least 6 meetings in past 12 months) and one vote per community at-large member.
   d. *Conflict of Interest.* Members will withdraw/excuse themselves from participating in decision-making (voting) process concerning awards of grants or provisions of financial benefit to which such member or his/her organization could have a future financial interest or involvement.

5. **HSSN PLANNING CALENDAR ACTIVITIES**
   On an annual basis the following activities will occur:
   - Invite monthly guest speakers to present information on new or expanding housing and service programs, local/state/federal policy, etc.
   - In alignment with HUD announced NOFA, public RFP for new projects and schedule presentations at the next HSSN meeting. The presentation will include a project description, how the project fits HUD funding guidelines, and project budget inclusive of HUD funding request. Project scoring is completed by the HSSN.
   - In alignment with HUD announced NOFA, complete the McKinney-Vento CoC Program Homeless Assistance grant application. Approval by the Workgroup to submit to HUD.
   - January - Perform the Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Street and Shelter Count. Prepare the annual CoC Housing Inventory (HIC) and Unmet Bed Need analysis.
   - March - Project sponsor agencies present to the HSSN all HUD-funded project performance outcomes. Information to include Annual Progress Report data; e.g. - budget, # people served, project performance measurements, fiscal management of funds, and agency audit.
   - May – Perform gaps analysis that will inform the development of annual Work Plan.
   - June – Approve annual Work Plan in support of the local 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.
   - August – Workgroup will develop CoC Planning Calendar, review and update HSSN Governance Charter and CoC Written Standards. Approval by the HSSN at the September HSSN meeting.
   - December – HMIS Lead will present the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR). Approval by HSSN to submit to HUD.

6. **BUILDING A NETWORK OF PARTNERS**
   The HSSN has developed collaborative and integrated partnerships with community leaders and advocacy groups to further the community-wide commitment to end homelessness. These partnerships include:

CoC GOVERNANCE

- <u>Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC)</u>: A 17-member executive leadership committee appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to provide oversight to the implementation of the 10-year Plan, and to work with the HSSN in developing policy and funding to accomplish the goals outlined in *A Road Home: 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness*.
- <u>Interfaith Committee On Homelessness (IFCH)</u>: A faith-based consortium includes public and nonprofit partner members. The IFCH promotes education on homelessness to demystify this socioeconomic issue, and to bring together faith-based, public and private sector to partner to provide a safety net and work toward real system solutions that prevent homelessness.
- <u>Housing Advocacy Group</u>: A network of housing developers and community advocates focused on increasing affordable housing opportunities for low-income, homeless and persons with disabilities, connecting affordable housing to jobs and transportation, and develop funding and policy to promote affordable housing.
- <u>Washington County Thrives</u>: A collaboration of cross-sector partners committed to a thriving county that will only be possible when all residents have access to appropriate nutrition, health and wellness, stable homes, quality education, and economic security.

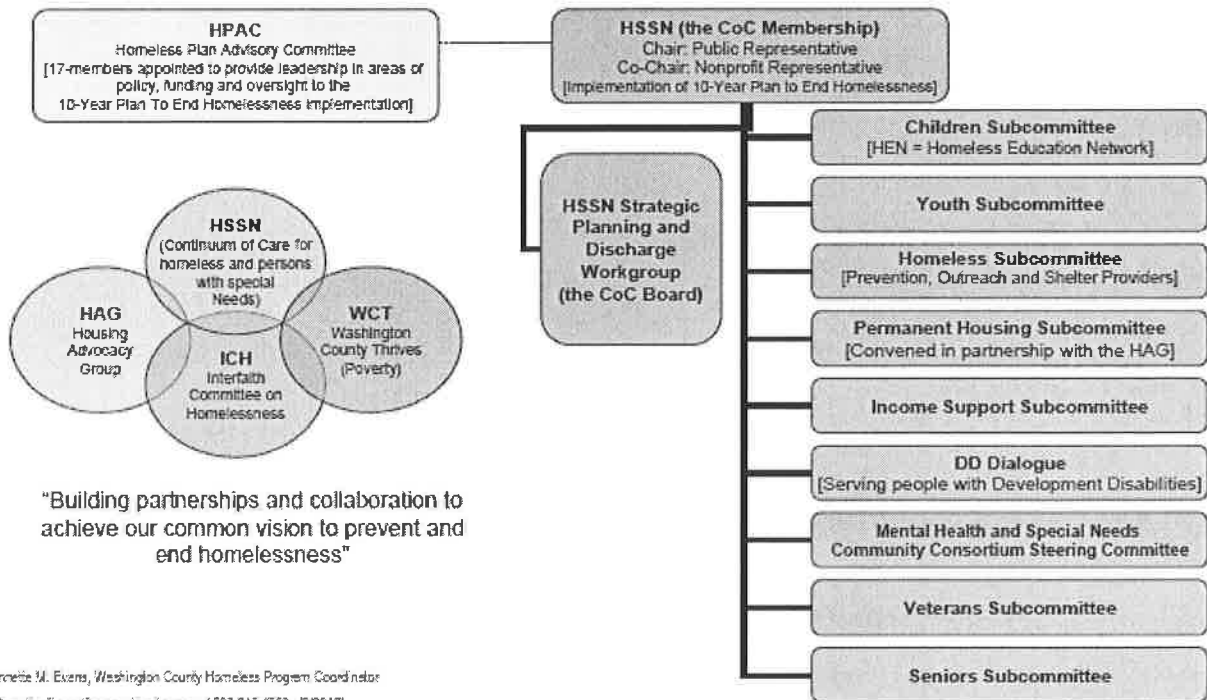## 7. CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) GOVERNANCE CHART

Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN)
Washington County, Oregon

Our community benefits when basic needs are provided for all citizens.
The HSSN leads a coordinated community planning process and implementation of the county's homeless response system that works effectively to provide housing and services for vulnerable populations with special needs, to prevent and end homelessness, and to prevent a return to homelessness.

HSSN meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m., Beaverton City Hall, 4755 Griffith Drive, Beaverton
http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/10-year-plan-to-end-homelessness.cfm

HPAC
Homeless Plan Advisory Committee
[17-members appointed to provide leadership in areas of policy, funding and oversight to the 10-Year Plan To End Homelessness Implementation]

HSSN (the CoC Membership)
Chair: Public Representative
Co-Chair: Nonprofit Representative
[Implementation of 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness]

HSSN
(Continuum of Care for homeless and persons with special Needs)

HAG
Housing Advocacy Group

ICH
Interfaith Committee on Homelessness

WCT
Washington County Thrives
(Poverty)

"Building partnerships and collaboration to achieve our common vision to prevent and end homelessness"

HSSN Strategic Planning and Discharge Workgroup (the CoC Board)

Children Subcommittee
[HEN = Homeless Education Network]

Youth Subcommittee

Homeless Subcommittee
[Prevention, Outreach and Shelter Providers]

Permanent Housing Subcommittee
[Convened in partnership with the HAG]

Income Support Subcommittee

DD Dialogue
[Serving people with Development Disabilities]

Mental Health and Special Needs Community Consortium Steering Committee

Veterans Subcommittee

Seniors Subcommittee

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A Road Home

10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Washington County, Oregon
YEAR 6: July 2013 – June 2014

1. Prevent People from Becoming Homeless

Action Steps (Strategy #)	Status	Lead	
Sustain Universal Point of Referral (Centralized Assessment System) for at-risk tenancies (1.1)		H	
Emergency 1-month Rent Assistance (1.1.c)		H	
Staff a Diversion Specialist to counsel tenants facing eviction, 1 FTE Housing Specialist (1.2)		H	
Reduce recidivism of homeless, develop system in Jail and Hospital to target homeless cycling through institutions (1.3.c)		IS	
Expand rental education "Rent Well" program (1.4)		H	
Participation at the Oregon Ending Homelessness Advisory Council (1.5)		HS	
Solicit homeless consumer representation in CoC program planning and committees (1.6)		All	
Provide Family Mediation and Reunification for youth (1.7)		YTH/HEN	
Expand HomePlate Program and develop drop-in center for youth (1.7.c)		YTH	
Develop sustainable funding for Safe Place Youth Shelter (1.8.a)		YTH	
Prevent home foreclosure with Mortgage Assistance Counseling and Mortgage Payment Assistance (MPA) Program (1.9)		H	⧗

2. Move People into Housing

Action Steps (Strategy #)	Status	Lead	
Increase rental assistance to serve:			
3 units (1-bedroom) permanent supportive housing for chronic homeless people (2.1.a)	4 units – HUD Shelter+Care funding serving chronic homeless, cumulative total for 10-Year Plan = 25 units	MHSN/HS	☑
10 units for chronic/high-need homeless families (2.1.c)	2 unit – Expansion of current Phase 5 program using County General Fund rental assistance	B2H JIT	⧗
30 units singles/families, transitional housing 3 to 24 months (2.1.d)	12 beds– Homeless To Work (Singles) 6 beds – Jubilee Transition Homes (Singles) 18 units – Project Bloom (Singles/Families) 3 units – Washington County Transition Housing	H	☑
6 units Transitional Living Program for Youth less than 24 years (2.1.e)	6 beds – The Boys And Girls Aid TLP (Beaverton duplex) 9 beds/6 units – The Boys And Girls Aid TLP	YTH	☑
Expand HUD-VASH voucher Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (2.1.f)	35 units – HUD conditional voucher award dated May 5, 2013, cumulative total for 10-Year Plan = 60 units	HS	☑
140 units Short-term and Rapid Re-housing (RRH) Rental Assistance, <12 months, with services and employment (2.2, 3.4, 4.2, 5.2)	_?_ units - Emergency Solution Grant (RRH) 18 units – HopeSpring Housing Program (RRH)	IS/HS/MHSNCC	⧗
Increase supply of housing units:			
Section 811 funding for 15 units permanent affordable housing for extremely low-income persons with disabilities in Year 7. (2.3)		PH/MHSNCC	
5 units permanent affordable housing for extremely low-income persons, 30%AMI (2.4)		PH	
Create Risk Mitigation Pool (2.5)		PH	
Implement Countywide Tax Exemption Program (2.6.b)		PH	⧗
Increase private market housing units through Landlord Forums (2.7)		PH/HS	

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3. Link People to Appropriate Services and Remove Barriers

Action Steps (Strategy #)	Status	Lead	
Implement a *Centralized Assessment System (CAS)* that refers people to appropriate housing and service programs based on need and ability to be self-sufficient (3.1)	*Community Action will be the CAS agency.* *CAS Subcommittee is developing system and written standards.*	HWG/H	⧗
Expand Homeless Outreach (3.2)		MHSNCC/H	
Develop One-Stop Resource Center; Year 5 was original 10-Year Plan timeline (3.3)		MHSNCC	
Hold Project Homeless Connect event to engage under-served homeless persons and develop new community resources (3.3.e)	*Project Homeless Connect will be held on:* – *Friday, July 12, 2013* – *Friday, January 24, 2014* http://www.phcwashco.org/	VAN/ Sonrise Church	⧗
Increase access to case management and supportive services for clients receiving rental assistance (3.4)		H/ MHSNCC	
Expand Veteran Services and housing opportunities (3.6)	*Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program*	VA/DAVS	⧗
Increase Child Care Resources (3.7)		H	
Expand links between Housing and Food/Nutrition Programs (3.9)		PH/H	
Develop Unified Housing Screening Policy linked to 2.5 Risk Mitigation Pool (3.10)		PH/ MHSNCC	

4. Increase Income Support and Economic Opportunities

Action Steps (Strategy #)	Status	Lead
Sustain and expand Supported Employment or other job coach/mentorship programs (4.2.b)		MHSNCC/ IS
Reduce barriers to accessing SSI/SSDI and mainstream benefits (4.3)		IS/ MHSNCC
Expand WSI Aligned Partner Program to increase income self-sufficiency (4.5)		IS
Increase access to employment for persons with past criminal history (4.6)		H

5. Expand Data Collection

Action Steps (Strategy #)	Status	Lead	
Expand number of HMIS users (5.1)		All	
Expand HMIS data collection and reporting variables in support of HEARTH Act, e.g. length of homelessness, recidivism (5.2)	*Centralized Assessment System Subcommittee working system-level performance report development.*	All	⧗
Annual analysis on intervention impact of systems and programs, criteria evaluation process (5.3)	*Cost Study on homelessness in process.*	HSSN/ HPAC/HS	⧗
OR-506 CoC participation in national Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) (5.4)	*Reporting period 10/1/2013 – 9/30/2014.*	HS	
Perform comprehensive Point-In-Time Homeless Count, use data to develop annual 10-Year Plan Action Steps (5.5)	*Homeless count period 1/22/2014 to 1/31/2014*	H/HS	

6. Implement Public Education on Homelessness

Action Steps (Strategy #)	Status	Lead
Website, Presentation, Media (6.1)		HSSN/HS/ IFCH
Annual 10-Year Plan Homeless Assessment Report (6.2)	*2013 Homeless Assessment Report (Year 5 Outcomes) to be published by October 2013*	HS
Public Education Campaign, Town Hall, Forum, Roundtable discussions (6.3)		IFCH

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        * **HEN**=Homeless Education Network   * **JIT**=B2H Team   * **HS**=Housing Services   * **ICH**=Interfaith Community   * **DAVS** =Disability/Aging & Veteran Services
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